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Wyatt

New Zoning chief vows to make zoning laws relevant to Saipan

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The new Zoning administrator of the Commonwealth Zoning Office has assured that he will thoroughly

study the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008 and make it more relevant to the present needs of the island.

"My first task is to go through the zoning law and have a better understanding of what the Legislature

and the zoning board would like to see in the zoning law... Hopefully, we will make this law more applicable to Saipan," said Douglas Wyatt.

Wyatt, who officially took over the post of zoning administrator just

yesterday, acknowledged the "good ideas" that were presented in the current zoning law.

However, Wyatt said there are still areas in the current zoning or-

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Santos family seeks justice for slain son

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REPORTER

The CNMI government joins the family of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael Santos in seeking truth and justice for his death. A fellow Marine allegedly stabbed Santos on the left side of his neck early Friday morning in Marjeh, Helmand Province in Afghanistan on Friday.

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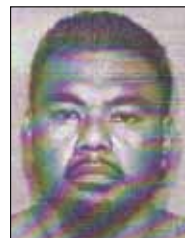
The late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael Santos, right, holds his son, Anthony David, and poses with his family during his last visit to Rota in April 2009. From left, his brother Darren, father David, mother Bella, sister Jewel Hope, and wife Lotty Ann.

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4 alleged 'ice' peddlers nabbed, 1 still at large



Crisostimo



F. Demapan



Tydingco



P. Demapan



Cabrera

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Four suspected methamphetamine or "ice" dealers were arrested on Saipan in separate incidents on Thursday and Friday and police are still hunting down a fifth suspect.

The four suspects—Sylvan Magofna Cabrera, 37; Francisco Demapan, 30; Calisto A. Crisostimo, 38; and Juan Tydingco, 37—were taken to the Superior Court yesterday for an initial court appearance. Bail was set at \$30,000 cash for Cabrera, Crisostimo, and Tydingco, and \$20,000 for Fran-

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BACK ON SAIPAN

The TS *Golden Bear*, the training ship of the California Maritime Academy, docks at the Port of Saipan in Lower Base yesterday morning for a four-day visit. The 500-ft. training ship, which just came from Honolulu, has some 200 cadets and crew. This is the second time that the training ship came to Saipan; the first one was in June this year.

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TS *Golden Bear* is back on Saipan

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The training ship *Golden Bear* is back on Saipan for the second time.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce Douglas Brennan confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that the 500-foot training ship, headed by Capt. Paul Leyda, docked yesterday morning at the seaport.

TS *Golden Bear* arrived with over 270 cadets, officers and crew members from Honolulu, according to Noli San Luis of Ambyth Shipping, which is the

designated ground service support team for the ship.

The visitors were greeted by representatives of Ambyth Shipping, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

According to San Luis, TS *Golden Bear* transported a different batch of maritime cadets from those who visited Saipan in June. That first visit saw about 260 cadets and four dozen officers and crew members led by Capt. Harry Bolton, who is also

the vice principal for the California Maritime Academy.

As of press time yesterday, Brennan said they have yet to confirm with Leyda if the crew and trainees aboard TS *Golden Bear* will be able to attend a welcome reception that will be hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Brennan said they plan to hold the reception at Godfather's Bar on Wednesday evening.

The TS *Golden Bear* is a training ship of the California

Maritime Academy, which is one of the seven degree-granting maritime academies in the United States and is affiliated with the California State University system.

According to the California Maritime Academy Web site, TS *Golden Bear* "serves as the primary platform on which cadets apply technological skills introduced in the classroom and leadership skills acquired from their work assignments and responsibilities with the Corps of Cadets."

The TS *Golden Bear* is scheduled to depart Saipan on Friday morning.



Brennan



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

MBC Radio's Marianas Sweepstakes Program



MBC 'Good Morning' FM Radio in Korea, one of the country's most popular morning radio show, is holding a **Marianas Sweepstake** event through September 2010 to promote the Northern Mariana Islands to listeners.

Started in April of this year, the sweepstakes quizzes listeners and awards two grand prize winners roundtrip packages for two to the Northern Marianas every two months.

The sweepstakes advertise the three islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota through DJ announcements during the show. This **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)** promotion is also featured on the main page banner of MBC "Good Morning" FM Radio, as well as the MVA Korea website and MVA Korea e-newsletter to over 2,000 subscribers.



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6 NMI students advance to quarterfinals of NJFL competition

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Six students from the CNMI advanced to at least the quarterfinals of the 2010 National Junior Forensic League held last month in Des Moines, Iowa.

The 13-member Commonwealth team, which recently arrived on island, joined more than 400 students from across the nation and territories in the competition, held from June 24 to 27.

Receiving plaques for their achievement in the 2010 NJFL were Marianas Baptist Academy Hye Young Oh, quarterfinalist in the impromptu speech; Hopwood Jr. High School's Mathew Lopez, quarterfinalist in the dramatic interpretation; Saipan Community School's Kanata Omori, semifinalist in extemporaneous speaking; Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School's Arianne Narvaez, quarterfinalist in poetry reading; and Saipan International School's Darvhan Moses and Devonnie Dotts, both second place in storytelling.

The other students in the CNMI team were Ashley Ayuyu, Alina Ishikawa, Kimiko Tenorio, Kimberly Camacho, Hye Young Oh Sang Hyuk (Kyle) Park, and



Members of the CNMI team who represented the islands in the NFL national competitions in Des Moines, Iowa, pose with their coaches. Six of the thirteen delegates were awarded plaques of recognition after making it to the quarterfinals and semifinal rounds.

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Eron Constante.

The students said the week-long competition gave them a much better idea of how to prepare for next year's competition.

According to CNMI team's coordinators and coaches, the competition was a success especially after two students from the Commonwealth advanced to the quarterfinals of the dramatic interpretation, two ad-

vanced to the semifinals in the poetry category, and two finished second place in the story telling category.

"Our students represented our island well, having to compete with seasoned students from other states. These students have gone through structured trainings or exposed to competitions such as drama and public speaking classes. Many

have gone through many auditions as well and that's why these kids are so professional in what they do," the team coordinators and coaches said in a statement yesterday.

They said the students' experiences will help them prepare for next year's competition.

Because of the students' potential, NJFL coordinators is recommending that PSS hire

drama instructors who will focus on what the students need to better compete at the national level.

This year's coaches and chaperones included Lorna Liban, Teresita Zulaybar, Patricia Kapileo, Esther Manzano, Kristie Myhrum, Sara Rockhey, Jonas Barcinas, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dotts.

Harold Easton, NFL board chairman for the CNMI, and Sara Starkey were also praised for their hard work in coordinating the many school level competitions and organizing the national level contest.

The students' trip was paid for by the Public School System, using its student competition funds.

Tinian cop's co-defendant in 'ice' case to plead guilty

The co-defendant of a Tinian police officer accused of trafficking in methamphetamine or "ice" has agreed to plead guilty as part of an agreement with the U.S. government.

Carlos Aldan signed the plea agreement with the prosecution and asked the court to hold the change of plea hearing on Friday, July 23, at 10:30am.

U.S. District Court for the

NMI visiting judge Robert Bryan granted the request.

On Friday, Aldan's co-defendant, Tinian Police Officer 1 Gilbert Macaranas pleaded guilty to count 2 of the indictment, charging him with distribution of a controlled substance, as part of a plea bargain.

Bryan accepted Macaranas' guilty plea and the agreement and ordered the U.S. Probation Office

to submit a pre-sentence investigation report by Sept. 14, 2010.

Bryan set Macaranas' sentencing for Oct. 19, 2010.

According to the plea agreement, on July 22, 2009, Macaranas abetted Aldan in distributing "ice" on Tinian and that Macaranas used his patrol car to facilitate the distribution of "ice." Macaranas also allowed Aldan to distribute "ice" in his

patrol car.

The third person arrested and charged was Henry M. San Nicolas, an employee of the Tinian Mayor's Office and assigned at the Dog Control Program.

Macaranas, Aldan, and San Nicolas were arrested in May during a joint anti-meth operation conducted by Tinian police and Drug Enforcement Administration. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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Small biz gets \$6.6M contract for minimart, gas station project

SANTA RITA, Guam—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas awarded a \$6.6 million firm-fixed-price task order July 13 to P&S Construction, Inc. of Lowell, Mass., for the

design and construction of a new Navy Exchange minimart and gas station on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

The minimart facility will be complete with retail sales, customer ser-

vice, a receiving and storage area and employee facilities with a separate “white box” fast food franchise.

The gas station is to consist of at least six double sided fuel dispens-

ing islands for three grades of gasoline and diesel, under a full canopy complete with a tire refill area, auto-vacuum stations, and a propane tank refill station for small consumer propane tanks.

“This new gas station and minimart will provide a one-stop shop for our sailors and their families and should simplify their daily errands,” said Capt. Rich Wood, commanding officer of Naval Base Guam. “This is a great ad-

dition to our growing base and which should improve the quality of life, and support our ongoing efforts toward making Naval Base Guam the geographic destination of choice for sailors seeking their next assignment.”

The task order also contains four unexercised options, which if exercised, would increase the cumulative task order value to \$7 million. This is the third task order issued under the small business multiple award construction contract awarded March 2010 to six small business firms with a combined value of \$500 million. **(PR)**

ICE

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cisco Demapan.

A fifth suspect—Pedro Rediall Demapan, 38—is still at large and is considered dangerous, according to police spokesman Jason Tarkong yesterday.

He said Cabrera, Crisostimo and Tydingco were caught Friday after Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman issued two search warrants and four arrest warrants for individuals suspected of trafficking and possessing “ice.”

Tarkong said Tydingco was arrested after a car chase from a Chalan Kanoa beach side to his residence in As Lito.

He said Tydingco tried to elude police officers by recklessly driving his blue T-100 pickup truck through public beaches and against oncoming traffic.

“Police believe the suspect probably intended to flee back into his house, but was surprised to find his residence surrounded by detectives and Patrol personnel,” Tarkong said.

Tydingco allegedly resisted arrest and had to be subdued by police officers.

Tarkong said Francisco Demapan was arrested after police found in his possession an undetermined amount of “ice.”

Tarkong said police are still looking for Francisco Demapan’s brother, Pedro, described as 5’5” tall, with dark short hair, brown eyes, and weighs about 225-245 lbs. He has tattoos of Bugs Bunny and a dragon on his arms, along with a tiger and skull on his body.

“Anyone having information about Mr. Pedro Demapan’s whereabouts is

asked to call 911 or the Department of Public Safety’s Criminal Investigation Bureau at 664-9042. Do not attempt to apprehend him,” Tarking stressed.

Anyone who has information about Pedro Demapan’s location but wants to remain anonymous may call the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 234-7272.

Detective Roque K. Camacho stated in his report that on July 10, 2010, he and a CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force officer met a cooperating source, who disclosed that Pedro Demapan of Chalan Kanoa has been selling “ice.”

Camacho said he, task force members, and DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau agents used the cooperating source to buy \$100 worth of “ice” from Pedro Demapan.

It was Cabrera who allegedly showed up at the agreed meeting place—the parking lot of Ming Ming Store in Chalan Kanoa. Cabrera was aboard a car and allegedly handed the “ice” to the cooperating source.

The cooperating source noted that Cabrera gave him just little amount of “ice,” but Cabrera allegedly promised to return because he was still “re-loading.”

When Cabrera failed to turn up at their meeting place, the cooperating source called Pedro Demapan, who claimed he was still “re-loading” and asked the cooperating source to wait for a few more minutes.

Pedro Demapan, however, did not provide more “ice” and refused to answer the cooperating source’s subsequent calls.

Police then arrested Cabrera on Thursday night in Koblerville.

In Francisco Demapan’s case, task force detective Sean White stated in his report that they were searching for Pe-

dro Demapan Friday night to serve him with an arrest warrant.

Later that night, White said, he, Sgt. Paul Ogumoro and detective Buddy Igitol were in a patrol car scouring Chalan Kanoa when they spotted a man walking toward Beach Road near Mt. Carmel Church.

As the man fit the description of Pedro Demapan, the officers asked him for an ID.

The man was shaking, prompting the officers to pat him down. They recovered an ID showing him to be Francisco Demapan.

White said they also found on Francisco Demapan several ziplock baggies containing 2.10 gross grams of “ice,” “ice” paraphernalia, and \$940 cash.

White said that Francisco Demapan, a known illegal drug dealer, claimed just finding the pouch containing these items on the road.

In the case against Crisostimo and Tydingco, detective Steven A. Castro stated in his report that a cooperating source had disclosed on July 7, 2010, that Crisostimo has been selling “ice.”

On July 10, 2010, Castro said, task force members used the cooperating source to arrange the purchase of \$50 worth of “ice” from Crisostimo.

At the agreed meeting place—the parking lot of Hollywood Video in As Lito—Tydingco showed up aboard a Toyota T-100 and handed the “ice” to the cooperating source.

Castro said Tydingco and Crisostimo are known partners in their illegal drug activities.

Castro said they received information that Tydingco and Crisostimo have two handguns, an unregistered rifle, and a police handheld radio.

With Wyatt joining them, Fusco said they will work on the four priorities identified by their office early this year: revision of the zoning law, the junk car removal program, adult businesses on Saipan, and the non-conforming uses of abandoned and dilapidated structures on island.

“His background and experience will be a tremendous help. We look forward to seeing what his recommendations are going to be,” said Fusco.

According to Fusco, the Zoning office will kick off with their awareness and public education outreach campaign next month. They hope to put out more information about zoning, what is it about and the benefits it does to the public.

Fusco said these educational materials will be made available at their office and other related government agencies such as the Business License Office, the Commonwealth Development Authority, and the Department of Commerce.

Fusco cited the previous lack of manpower as one hurdle for the Zoning Office. Although Wyatt has joined their office, she said the positive impact of the zoning law will still not be immediate.

“Zoning doesn’t happen overnight. It takes time,” she said, adding that it would take at least 10 years to see the positive changes wrought by the zoning law.

Wyatt believes that the island of Saipan offers a lot of opportunities and interesting challenges to a planner like him. “I look forward to the challenges that Saipan presents,” he said.

Enforcement of the zoning law would enhance and improve land values, Wyatt added.

Wyatt also highlighted the need to involve the community in the planning process, particularly in reviewing and amending the current zoning law.

“Coordination is very necessary. It’s important that the entire process is very democratic and that people feel that they’re heard and that they have a place in that system,” he said.

Zoning board-approved

Wyatt was unanimously chosen by the Commonwealth Zoning Board during its regular monthly meeting last June 3 to replace former administrator Victor Barrett.

Barrett, who was hired in June 2009, resigned in January, barely seven months after being appointed to the position.

According to Zoning Board chair Herminia Fusco, Wyatt was chosen among nine applicants.

Fusco said Wyatt met the fundamental requirements for the position and holds a master’s degree in regional and urban planning, plus a certification from the American Institute of Certified Planning.

ZONING

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dinances that need amending to make them more defined and contemporary.

“I hope we have a clean, clear-cut zoning law and that everyone will feel is more applicable to Saipan,” he added.

Wyatt emphasized the need to implement judiciously what the zoning regulations require to ensure quality development for the community in the long run.

“Zoning necessarily entails the use of enforcement powers to make it work... Instead of a number of individuals developing to meet their economic needs, planning provides a kind of umbrella or coordination by which that development can be more productive and of better quality,” he said.

Wyatt also commended the Legislature for re-enacting the zoning law in 2008 after it was suspended for 16 years.

The Saipan Zoning Law was first ratified in 1993 but got suspended the following year. The revised law, which was the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008, was implemented in February 2008.

As a planner involved in zoning enforcement for small cities in a government setting, Wyatt said he had his share of experiences in dealing with extreme types of developers and landowners.

SANTOS

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Santos, who turned 21 on May 17, was redeployed to Afghanistan about a month ago in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His first deployment to Afghanistan was from 2008 to 2009.

“We hope that the military will do a full investigation of the situation, to keep the family at peace. Hopefully that will bring closure to this,” Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday afternoon, after welcoming the CNMI Senior League All-Stars for winning the Asia-Pacific Little League Regional Tournament championship in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said the news of Santos’s death is “both heartbreaking and tragic.”

“It is understandable that because of this tragedy, Corporal Santos’ family wants answers as to how this could have happened. I am confident that the U.S. military justice system will provide those answers so that the Santos family may find some closure. I offer the family my sincerest condolences during this difficult time of grief,” he said in a statement.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) said yesterday that her nephew is “not the type who would provoke anyone to a fight” or “start a fight.”

“Like I said earlier, he’s very respectful and reserved. He used to be my student... Now he can’t defend himself because he’s dead... I just hope that justice will prevail, and that truth will come out to bring closure to this, and for his family’s sake. Killing someone is not a reason to resolve anything,” she said.

Rep. Ray A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said the family deserves to know the reason behind the death of one of the CNMI’s sons.

“It’s heartbreaking to hear that he’s killed by a fellow [Marine]... The family deserves to hear the truth, after a full military investigation,” he said in an interview.

Manglona said he is saddened to hear of the death of his fellow Rota resident, and his “heart goes out to the family and friends of Corporal Santos.”

‘A hero’

The Senate president said Rota has once again seen one of her sons “sacrifice his life for his country.” He described Dave Michael Santos a “hero.”

“The people of the CNMI, and in particular Rota, will keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers,” Manglona added.

Inos, who is also from Rota, hopes that this is just an “isolated case” and should not deter others from entering the military or continuing to serve in war-torn areas.

“My advice to them is just to do the

right thing, make sure in those situation, you always have to watch your back. You can’t be any more careful when you go into the situation. We wish them luck, we pray for them, and we hope for their safe return,” he added.

As of yesterday, Dave Michael Santos’s family on Rota is still waiting for the results of the investigation, said his adoptive mother, Bella L. Maratita. She said he’s a “very loving son.”

His family, relatives, and members of the community want to know why he was stabbed dead by a fellow Marine, how it could have been prevented, and whether justice and truth will prevail, among other things.

They are still in shock to learn that their eldest child was killed not by the enemy, but a colleague.

David M. Santos, father of the late corporal, said he wants to know the truth behind the death of his son, who he describes as a “wonderful son” and “loved by many.” He said if given the chance, he would talk to the Marine who killed his son to ask him why he did what he did.

He said they expect his son’s remains to be flown to the CNMI early next week. He said his son will be buried on Rota.

The father said preliminary information relayed to them was that Dave Michael Santos was allegedly stabbed by a fellow Marine on the left side of his neck around 2am in Marjeh, Helmand Province in Afghanistan. He was pronounced dead some two hours later.

Dave Michael Santos last visited Rota in April 2009. That’s the last time his father saw him alive.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs is looking into a military funeral service for Santos on Rota.

Dave Michael Santos, the oldest of four siblings, left behind a wife, Lotty Ann A. Santos, and their 3-year-old son, Anthony David Santos.

Rep. Santos said her nephew’s wife and son are in Texas, and are expected to fly to Rota for the funeral.

Right after graduating from Rota High School in 2007, Dave Michael Santos underwent a U.S. Marine Corps basic training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and an Advanced Individual Training at Camp Pendleton, California, his father said.

Dave Michael Santos is the 13th from the CNMI, and the 37th from the Micronesian region, to die since 2003 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is the first cousin of the late Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr., another CNMI son from Rota, who died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Charfauros, 33, was one of four U.S. soldiers killed on June 20, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq following injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device that blew up near their vehicle.

House resets session after Fitial raises concerns about austerity bill

» **'Non-instructional employees of PSS, NMC need not be exempt'**

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House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) postponed yesterday's special session due to the Fitial administration's concerns on the conference committee's version of the austerity bill to cut government work hours from 80 to 72 per pay period.

NMI Liberation Day Royal Court flies to Guam today

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The 2010 Liberation Day Queen and her Royal Court are scheduled to fly to Guam today to take part in the Guam Liberation Day festivities.

Jeff Tomokane, chief of Administration and Operations at the Saipan Mayor's Office, confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that all arrangements have been made for the girls, who will leave at 8:30am.

They will be accompanied by Saipan Liberation Day committee members Teresita Camacho, Angie Sablan, and Pete Lucas.

Tomokane also confirmed that Saipan Mayor Donald Flores left yesterday, a day earlier than the Saipan delegation, to meet with Agaña Heights Mayor Paul McDonauld and Chalan Pago-Ordod Mayor Jessy Gogue regarding the Liberation Day celebra-

Tenorio postponed the special session until Thursday at 10am.

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) said the conference committee on House Bill 17-45 takes into consideration the concerns raised by Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who held closed-door meetings with the panel yesterday.

Basa, a member of the conference committee and chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the House members of the joint panel are keen on making changes to the report recommending passage of HB 17-45, House Draft 6, Senate Substitute 1, Senate

Draft 1, Conference Committee Substitute 1.

"We want to address the concerns now, rather than have the bill vetoed after both houses passed it," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Inos, in a separate interview, said if the administration's concerns are addressed, "then there would be more reduction in government costs."

The austerity bill exempts the Public School System and Northern Marianas College from the every-other-Friday shutdown of government offices to cut government spending.

Inos said while the administration sees the importance of PSS and NMC employees who

hold instructional positions or those directly involved in the education of students, others need not be exempted, including office secretaries and other administrative staff.

"We asked them maybe those folks may not have to be exempted. They took those under advisement," he said.

Inos said other major areas of concern include employee categories—whether they are FLSA covered or FLSA exempt, if people are paid on an hourly basis or salaried, and where do they stand as far as overtime eligibility" is concerned. FLSA stands for the Fair Labor Standards Act.



Basa

"A lot of it is pegged on the applicability of the FLSA. There are few technical areas that I thought we had covered. I'm satisfied at least with the (position) of the House. I have yet to meet with the Senate. I hope we have the same kind of understanding so that when then bill finally passed and reaches the administration, that we need to probably just act on it," he said.

The Fitial administration has long asked the Legislature to pass an austerity bill to cut government spending after the projected revenue fell to \$137 million from \$148 million for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010.

Without an austerity measure, the government's operating deficit is expected to balloon in FY 2011 when projected revenue is

further down to \$132 million.

"I did emphasize to them that the austerity bill is only half of the story. The other half is unpaid holidays and revenue generating bills," he added.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said while he supports austerity measure, he has concerns on the current form of HB 17-45, including not giving the judiciary the authority to exempt some of its employees from the austerity Fridays.

He cited as an example the need for legal representation on dates that fall under "austerity Fridays" when most government offices are closed. He said government lawyers also need to prepare for motion hearings, and file legal briefings, among other things.

Also exempted from the austerity Fridays are doctors, nurses, police officers and firefighters.

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60 percent of PSS high school graduates head for college

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Sixty percent of the Public School System's high school graduates this school year have enrolled in universities and colleges here and off-island, based on a senior exit survey.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said this is the highest percentage recorded by PSS in the last several years.

Describing herself as "over-

whelmed," Sablan said only about 30 to 40 percent of PSS high school graduates usually go to college after graduation.

This school year's figure, she said, is even higher than the national level, which on average posts 50 percent each year.

Sablan disclosed that a total of 597 students graduated this year, of whom 398 have expressed interest or are already enrolled in college this Fall semester.

PSS records show that 30 percent of graduates signed up with the U.S. Armed Forces, while only 10 percent were either undecided in their plans or may enter the workforce after graduation.

"I am very pleased with the number...it went up and surpassed even the rate at the national level," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*, citing the success of the series of junior and senior seminars conducted by the PSS

in all public high schools.

The commissioner also lauded the effort of school counselors for encouraging students to pursue higher education.

According to PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh, national competitions also help encourage students to pursue college because they are given the opportunity to look for scholarship grants and programs, workshops, and seminars. He cited the scholarship

programs offered to members of the thespian and National Forensic League competitions.

PSS associate commissioner for administrative services Peter James Le'au said they expect a higher number next school year.

This early, education officials disclosed that the entire incoming senior class of Rota High School has already expressed a desire to enroll at the University of Guam.

Sablan admitted being wor-

ried about the status of the Northern Marianas College, where a large number of PSS graduates are enrolled.

"I am worried for the kids who were accepted and registered at NMC. I really want to work with NMC to assure our students will not be affected," she said, adding that she is optimistic that both the Board of Regents and NMC management will work together to address accreditation concerns.

Froilan: Group of investors willing to take over hotel, build new golf course

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House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that a group of Korean investors is willing to take over an exist-

ing hotel and build a new golf course on Saipan.

But Tenorio, who just came back from off-island trips on official business and personal reasons, said he will not disclose the identity of the Ko-

rean investors until he's sure they are indeed legitimate businessmen, and until more concrete plans are presented.

"They know it's on public land so they're concerned about leases of the property,"

Tenorio told reporters.

He said he has yet to meet with the Department of Public Lands, adding that the government should give investors a chance to present their plans, especially during these times

when the economy needs fresh investments.

"I told them I need to sit down with DPL and the governor how to go about doing it," he said, adding that one of the three officials will come back next week to Saipan to further discuss their investment plans.

Also present at the meeting were Reps. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) and Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), who also did not want to disclose the name of the investor group at this time.

Tenorio said he's aware of previous plans by Korean investors that either did not materialize or ran into some snags. These investors also planned on constructing either a hotel or ca-

sino hotel on public lands.

Flame Sako, for example, was delayed in its land lease payments with DPL for a \$60 million to \$80 million hotel project in As Matuis/Marpi. In late May, it paid DPL over \$48,000 in unpaid land leases and interest charges since 2009. But Flame Sako is still pursuing its hotel project.

Another investor, Neo Gold Wings Paradise, abandoned its plan to build an ambitious \$1 billion, six-star hotel casino on Tinian. DPL is also running after Neo Gold Wings to collect at least \$78,470.31 in monthly land lease and interest charge, from March 21, 2009 to March 1, 2010.



Tenorio

Sablan dares parents of special education kid to file formal case

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Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan has challenged the parents of a special child to file a formal case against the Public School System following the failure of both parties to settle the parents' complaint about the inadequate services PSS is providing their child.

Nine months after filing a complaint with the Commissioner's Office, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Vila were told to file a formal complaint against PSS as it seems the couple are not satisfied with PSS' response to the case.

"You appear to have a difference of opinion in how your previous complaint was resolved as well as taking issue with different aspects of not only the PSS special education program but PSS as a whole. As a parent of a child with special needs, you are entitled to due process regarding your complaint...I urged to avail yourself of advocacy groups on island that can assist you in the process of a formal complaint," Sablan told the parents.

The Vila couple are parents to an 8-year-old special child at Oleai Elementary School. Their daughter has pervasive developmental disorder and constantly needs the services of qualified experts in the field.

The couple first brought up the issue about the lack of ser-

vices for their child with the commissioner's office in October last year. PSS, Mr. Vila claimed, has only one occupational therapist and one speech language pathologist for all children with special needs.

Sablan and the Vilas had a series of correspondences in subsequent months but the latter expressed dissatisfaction with PSS' response and even disagreed with its findings.

Last July 2, Sablan wrote the Vila couple and told them to just file a formal complaint and provided them copy of the special education "procedural safeguard notice," along with a "complaint, mediation or due process request" forms.

Mr. Vila said he will file a formal case and is now consulting a lawyer.

"I am doing this not only for my kid's sake...but for all special children who continue to receive inadequate services from PSS. I will not give it up," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Mr. Vila disclosed that he also submitted a 14-page letter to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services raising his concern about the "gross deficiencies in PSS services."

"I honestly believe that my daughter is not making any adequate progress in school," Vila added.



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Please be advised that the Department of Public Health's programs (listed below) will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2010, for Professional Development and Team-Building Skills training.

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Breast and Cervical Screening Program

Bureau of Environmental Health

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Public Health Accounting Office

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NMC presidential search panel seeks \$21K budget

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College Presidential Search Committee is proposing a \$21,000 budget for the search of a new chief executive officer for the college.

Committee chair Maria Paz Younis said the amount would cover the announcement of the position through the selection of a final candidate that will replace

Dr. Carmen Fernandez, who was terminated on April 12.

Younis disclosed that an estimated \$10,000 is needed to advertise the vacancy—in local newspapers in the CNMI and Guam, plus announcements on Web sites and job fairs in the U.S. mainland. This advertisement will run through Aug. 9 and NMC has already spent \$2,400 for the initial announcements in local newspapers this week.

If the top three candidates are from off-island, Younis said an estimated \$6,000 may be needed to bring them here for a Board of Regents interview and assessment. The rest of the proposed amount will be used for other logistics needs and accommodations for the finalists.

The board did not act on the proposal pending the identification of a funding source. The money may either come from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund or with the help of the NMC Foundation.

NMC board chair Janet King deferred the issue to the board's Finance and Legislative Committee for further deliberation.

According to NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera,

tapping the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for this purpose will require reprogramming action.

Regent Andrew Orsini pointed out during Friday's board meeting that any amount used in the hiring process must be identified and properly accounted for.

The NMC board may hire a consultant to do the background check on the top candidates but any decision on this lies with the presidential search committee, which still needs to determine the need for a consultant.

The Association of Community Colleges Trustee had proposed in May a \$25,000 to \$30,000 consultancy contract with NMC to help the college find a new president. ACCT is

a Washington D.C.-based organization of community colleges, of which NMC is a member.

Cepeda's contribution

Board chair King lauded Friday the great contributions of regent Charles Cepeda, who had resigned due to personal reasons.

The board, she said, is thankful to Cepeda for his dedication and commitment to NMC over the past several years.

"He had always been passionate about NMC's mission and about expanding the educational opportunities for the people of the CNMI. When he was the chairman of the Board of Regents, he helped lead the college through one of its most difficult periods following the

announcement of NMC's first show cause," added King.

Cepeda's leadership, she added, steered NMC to full accreditation reaffirmation and she had learned a great deal from his guidance and direction.

"As a former member of the NMC Foundation, he also deserves a great deal of credit for ensuring that the college's fundraising activities always exceeded revenue expectations. I have no doubt that regent Cepeda will continue to be a strong advocate for the college. We wish the best of luck to him on his future endeavors," added King.

The election of a new board chairperson last Friday was postponed to Friday this week due to the absence of two members.

Cop in extortion case obtains more time to prepare for trial

The federal court granted yesterday the request of a police officer facing extortion charges for more time to prepare for his trial.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Robert J. Bryan agreed that the ends of justice would best be served by allowing Christopher Leon Guerrero more time to review the evidence in preparation for his trial and pursue plea negotiations.

The jury trial was supposed to begin yesterday but Bryan reset it to Aug. 2, 2010.

Leon Guerrero told the court yesterday that he and his lawyer need more time to prepare and he wants to waive his right to a speedy trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric O'Malley did not oppose his request.

The superseding indictment

charged Leon Guerrero with two counts of extortion under color of official right.

According to the indictment, on Sept. 15, 2009 through Oct. 9, 2009, Leon Guerrero used his position as a police officer to obtain money from the driver of an illegal taxicab, in exchange for dismissing the driver's criminal case.

Leon Guerrero allegedly committed the same offense on June 13, 2009.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation stated that Leon Guerrero demanded and received payments ranging from \$300 to \$700 from illegal taxicab drivers in exchange for dismissing their criminal cases and returning the seized vehicles to the drivers.

Leon Guerrero denied the charges. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Leynes joins national scholars group

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REPORTER

An incoming tenth grader at Marianas Baptist Academy recently became a member of a prestigious honor society that recognizes outstanding high school students worldwide.

Kristine Joy Manacop Leynes has been granted membership

to The National Society of High School Scholars on July 8 in recognition of her superior academic achievement and scholastic excellence.

Claes Nobel, founder and chairman of NSHSS who is also a senior member of the family that instituted the celebrated Nobel Prizes, made the announcement Thursday.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Kristine Joy has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic excellence," said Nobel in an NSHSS press release.

Leynes was informed about the recognition Friday afternoon, mom Lota Leynes told *Saipan Tribune* in a telephone interview yesterday.

"She has always been an hon-

or student. I am very proud of her," said the older Leynes.

The 15-year old Leynes is currently a member of the Youth Conservation Corps at the American Memorial Park. She started last June 21.

"Being a part of NSHSS is a motivation for her to strive harder. This would be beneficial for her when she reaches college. It

would help her build credential to qualify for scholarship grants," said the older Leynes.

According to Leynes, her daughter is really focused on her goal to get scholarships in top universities in the mainland.

The younger Leynes, who is inclined to science courses, is looking at going to college in California.

"We will support her to the best that we can even if her father and I are both contract workers," Leynes added.

Founded in 2002, The National Society of High School Scholars aims to recognize academic achievement at the high school level and encourage its members to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.



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THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the Saipan Tribune, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.



If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database, which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.



Last week's photo was identified as the construction of an emergency shelter (guma haiku) following Typhoon Jean in 1968. Photo was identified by Tita Hocog, Frances M. Sablan and Edwin A. Tenorio.

Early childhood advisory council eyed

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REPORTER

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is proposing the creation of an advisory council for the CNMI Early Childhood Program that will handle the care and education of pre-school children in the Commonwealth.

The council could be formed via executive order by the governor. Once established, it will coordinate a system of quality care and education for NMI children from birth to 7 years old.

The proposed council is also expected to promote and develop recommendations for increasing the overall participation of children in existing new programs, including outreach to underrepresented and special population on early child education and care programs.

The proposal targets to help and assist the Public School System's early childhood programs, kindergarten, and Head Start enrollees.

According to the proposal signed by DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao, the council aims

to develop a family/child centered information data system and sharing process that will ensure significant improvement in the delivery of quality early care and education services.

Saipan Tribune learned that the proposal is now being reviewed by the administration.

"Having an early childhood education and care council is a very sensible and responsible approach to ensure that children regardless of their age, ethnicity, religion, or social-economic status deserve nurturing and protection," the proposal states, adding that there is an "overlap" of programs and services from all across sections of agencies and private sectors that result in uncollected and inefficient implementation of services.

Faisao said the local communities should have the ability to utilize these data to gauge the financial health of the community and the future of vital social service programs.

He noted that more federal grants could be accessed only if proper information are collected and presented.

Golden Harvest to host mini-concert for summer campers

Golden Harvest International School will be having its first

summer camp mini-concert on July 23, 2010, Friday, at the Susupe Multi-Purpose Center.

This was a six-week camp program, from June 14 to July 23, participated in by children from both private and public schools ages 5-10 years old.

According to Susan Deblois, president and school founder, "We saw the need and listened to our parent's clamor. Since our students are on a summer vacation, we developed a program that will keep our children busy [and] productive while learning new skills and exciting experience at an affordable price. Aside from the activities, they met new friends and developed their inter-personal skills."

The school summer camp was from 8:30am to 4:30pm, with lunch and materials included. Campers rotate for an hour in each class: arts and craft, music, cooking, computer, dancing, and drama. Seven mentors, including the administrator, ran the camp activities.

A bonfire and overnight pajama party will be held on July 22, with family members attending, followed by a mini-concert on July 23, 2010, at 6pm. Campers will showcase their talents in music, dance, and drama. There will be exhibits of the camper's arts and crafts and computer activities at the concert site. Tickets are sold at \$0.99 cents each.

For more details, call Golden Harvest International School at 235-4655 or visit their office on Ghiyeghi St., San Jose. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 20, 1999

Underwood backs CNMI

Guam's delegate to Congress Robert Underwood has branded as "erroneous" and "inflammatory" a statement issued by a U.S. coalition group that is seeking his support to endorse a bill against the CNMI garment industry. According to a report by Agence France Presse, the Take Pride in America Coalition has written to members of Congress to lobby for the approval of a proposed measure which seeks to close loopholes in the U.S. laws, which it said are being taking advantage of by local garment manufacturers. The coalition wrote to Underwood asking him to back a legislation that would subject garment exports produced by manufacturers here to tax as a way of supporting US products made by American workers, the report says.

DOF pressed to hasten probe on prepaid phone cards

Apparently frustrated over slow action in its probe of illegal prepaid phone cards and remittance services, the chair of the House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee has asked the Department of Finance to complete its findings for review by legislators. Finance officials have taken nearly two months to conduct its investigation which will form the basis of any legislative measure to clamp down on these unlawful activities, according to Rep. David M. Apatang. The representative met last May with Finance Sec. Lucy DLG. Nielsen to discuss the issue, and both parties agreed to give way to the DOF probe before the Legislature takes any action.

July 20, 2000

5 senators off to Washington DC

Five senators are scheduled to leave tomorrow and Saturday for a week-long official visit to Washington D.C. as part of the efforts to drum up support for the CNMI from members of the U.S. Congress. They also expect to meet with several federal officials to ask for their assistance in boosting the islands' economy as well as in providing more U.S. funding to finance various construction and community projects here. Sen. David M. Cing, chair of the Federal Relations and Independent Agencies Committee, will lead the delegation that also includes Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes, Senators Ramon S. Guerrero, Joaquin G. Adriano and Jose M. Dela Cruz.

DCC showcases AT gadgets for hotels

Some Saipan hotels are slowly heading toward full compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act on Public Accommodations by gearing up with several assistive technology devices which would provide individuals with disabilities more comfort and access to their hotel facilities. The Aqua Resort Club yesterday hosted an AT demonstration conducted by AT specialist Dr. Celia Lamkin of the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council on the ADA compliance kit designed for the deaf and the hard of hearing. ARC management and staff witnessed a thorough presentation on the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf or the Teletypewriter which is targeted to cater to guests with hearing impairments. The ADA compliance kit includes a bed vibrator which serves as an alarm clock for the deaf, a phone amplifier for the hard of hearing, and a visual fire alarm.

July 20, 2001

HANMI lauds govt on tax incentive law

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands yesterday praised government efforts at helping the private sector cope with the current economic slump but asked that more be done toward allowing existing businesses to grow with minimal restraint. HANMI president Ron Sablan said the law that provides investors tax incentives for developing and operating projects that are beneficial to the CNMI economy, is a "much-awaited morale booster from government." According to Sablan, the industry has long been hurting from policies that give businesses a hard time and aggravate an already depressed market.

180 liquor, cigar vendors yet to renew biz permits

The Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division yesterday reported that only 659 of the 839 establishments licensed to sell liquor in the CNMI have so far renewed their permits. But ABTC director Andrew Salas remains unfazed by the more than 25 percent decline in the number of alcoholic beverage and tobacco sellers. He is optimistic new players will emerge to fill in the vacated spots. He said the rate of attrition this fiscal year is no different from the past years.



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Invitation for Bid PSS IFB 10-090

JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR PSS HEADSTART PROGRAM

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for Janitorial Services for the PSS Head Start Program. The Scope of Work is available beginning on July 20, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950

Questions should be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer to fax no (670) 664-3971 or e-mailed to robert.florian@cnmipss.org

There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid meeting for Inspection of all Classrooms, Resource Centers and Offices on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 9:00 am. at the Head Start Administrative Office on Capitol Hill. Bids submitted by bidders who do not attend this meeting will be rejected,

All bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-090" containing one (1) original with Three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office no later than **August 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**, at which time, bids will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

NMC Nursing graduate passes NCLEX on first try

A nursing graduate of the Northern Marianas College recently passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) on the first attempt. Kwon Sohn took the exam on July 6, nearly two months after he graduated from NMC with his degree in Nursing.

After his first visit to Saipan in 2005, Sohn decided to move himself and his family from South Korea to the island. Shortly after the move in 2007,

Sohn enrolled at NMC and began taking courses.

"I decided to pursue nursing because after years of working in sales and marketing for various companies, I wanted a career that was stable as well as dynamic," said Sohn. "In the nursing program at NMC, I met instructors and staff who demonstrated both great passion and enthusiasm—from the classroom to the examination room—in leading students to become successful nurses."

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all 50 United States and all U.S. territories to award nurse licenses. Licensed nurses may have their credentials endorsed by a state or a territory's board upon meeting board requirements without having to retake the exam.

"I got right into studying for the examination immediately after graduation," said Sohn. "I don't think I could have gotten through that intense time without my family, friends, and mentors at the college supporting me and helping me



Sohn

focus on my goal."

According to NMC nursing instructor Hervin Jacinto, compared to most of the graduates Sohn had the least amount of time to prepare for the exam.

"I have noticed that most graduates usually spend at least a few months preparing and studying before actually taking the examination," said Jacinto. "I think it's incredible that Kwon passed with only six weeks to prepare."

Sohn, who graduated cum laude, joins a long list of NMC nursing alumni who have passed the NCLEX on the first attempt, and have started successful nursing careers.

"The college measures the effectiveness of the instruction

we provide by studying student achievement and performance," said NMC interim president Lorraine Cabrera. "For the past several years, NMC's nursing graduates have been consistently surpassing the national average in NCLEX passage rates."

"We are extremely proud of Kwon's achievement," said Cabrera. "His passion and dedication to excel on the exam has led him to fulfill his dream of becoming a nurse."

After passing the NCLEX, Sohn hopes to begin his nursing career in the CNMI. After gaining some experience, Sohn also plans on pursuing higher nursing degrees to advance his skills and knowledge in the field. (NMC)

Obama admin execs to visit Guam to discuss military relocation's final EIS

SANTA RITA, Guam—White House Council on Environmental Quality chair Nancy Sutley and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Jackalyn Pfannenstiel will visit Guam on July 22-23 to meet with Guam's leaders and community members to discuss the upcoming release of the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation Final Environmental Impact Statement, or final EIS.

They will be joined by Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Dorothy Robyn and representatives from federal agencies involved in the resolution of issues raised throughout the draft EIS public comment period.

During the visit, the group will provide a detailed briefing to Lt. Gov. Cruz, the Guam Legislature, village mayors, and representatives of Government

of Guam agencies regarding how the public's concerns have been addressed in the Final EIS. Pfannenstiel will also discuss the next steps.

A presentation will also be given at the University of Guam at 9am on Friday, July 23. The community is encouraged to attend this event to learn about the final EIS and ask questions of federal agency representatives.

The Joint Guam Program Office facilitates the realignment of Marines from Okinawa to Guam. JGPO works within the Department of Defense and closely with the Government of Guam, U.S. Congress and Federal agencies to lead and manage the delivery of required capabilities to the Marines. (PR)

Saipan Summer Jam 2010

The Saipan Summer Jam team is inviting participants who wish to join the car show on Aug. 21. The categories include: Best Import, Best Monster Truck, Best Classic, Best Overall, and Soundoff Competition. Food vendors, car dealerships, and sponsors are also welcome to participate. Contact Rhiner Aguon at 483-7769 or email saipansummerjam@gmail.com for more information. (PR)

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Marianas Public Land Trust has scheduled a MPLT Trustees Regular Meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 beginning at 9:30am at 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

The following agenda is hereby established:

I PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes

II ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

III CONSULTANT'S REPORTS

1. Investment Consultant Report
2. Loan Administrator Report
3. Legal Counsel Report
4. Board Consultant Report

IV OLD BUSINESS

1. Trustee Liability Insurance -RFP Responders' Submission
2. A&E Proposal
3. CUC

V COMMUNICATIONS

VI NEW BUSINESS

- Travel Policy

VII MISCELLANEOUS

VIII ADJOURNMENT

At anytime during this scheduled meeting, the Board of Trustees may be required to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential.

In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by the recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body. All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written and oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIF

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Scheduling Fair

This is to inform all Mount Carmel High School students that there will be a scheduling fair on Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to be held on the first floor of the High School Building. Listed below are the schedule time for the respective grade level:

Grade Level:	Time:
Seniors - 12 th Grade	8:00 a.m.
Juniors - 11 th Grade	9:00 a.m.
Sophomores - 10 th Grade	10:00 a.m.
Freshmen - 9 th Grade	11:00 a.m.

Please be informed that all students who are to attend the scheduling fair required to pay \$200.00 registration deposit.

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/s/ **Margaret C. DelaCruz**

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Murder becomes a matter of faith

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BAGHDAD—The murder of a former interpreter for the U.S. military who allegedly abandoned his Muslim faith has put a strain on Iraq's fragile legal system, with Islamic and secular laws coming into conflict.

Hameed al-Daraji was shot to death in June in the city of Samarra, north of Baghdad. According to the local police, his son, who police refused to identify, confessed he had killed his father over his conversion to Christianity. Another son and a nephew, neither of whom the police would identify, are still being sought in connection with the murder.

Hostility toward converts is widespread in Iraq, as it is in much of the Muslim world. While the country's laws guarantee the rights of religious minorities, they also yield to Islam as an ultimate authority.

Many Iraqis say the senior Daraji deserved to be killed in accordance with strict Islamic rules against conversion. Others say that while they approve of the killing, they would prefer if it had been carried out by the man's tribe.

The reaction to the Samarra killing illustrates the difficulty the country faces in balancing religious and secular laws.

Iraq's laws have strict penalties for murder and make no allowances for the killing of converts from Islam.

However, the constitution describes Islam as a fundamental source of legislation, and adds that no law may be passed that contradicts the principles of Islam, or democracy.

Almost everyone concedes that abandoning Islam is a serious crime that merits punishment. The question most have is what constitutes appropriate punishment.

Ahmed al-Abbasi, a judge and a senior ministry of justice official, said religious teachings were followed where the law offered no guidance.

"There is no law to deal with a convert, so in such cases we have to go to the Islamic rules, because Islam is the main source of legislation," he said.

"I don't know how we deal with such cases, given the new democracy and the absence of relevant laws," he said.

Dhiya al-Saadi, a former head of the union of Iraqi lawyers, speculated that the suspect could plead that he was driven to commit the crime by mitigating circumstances.

In Samarra itself, there appeared to be little sympathy for the murder victim.

"I saw (Daraaji) wearing a chain with a cross on it, which is forbidden in Islam," said Alaa Dakheel, a farmer and neighbor of the dead man. "It is a religious duty to kill infidels." Thabit Salah, a local barber, said no one blamed the son for the murder.

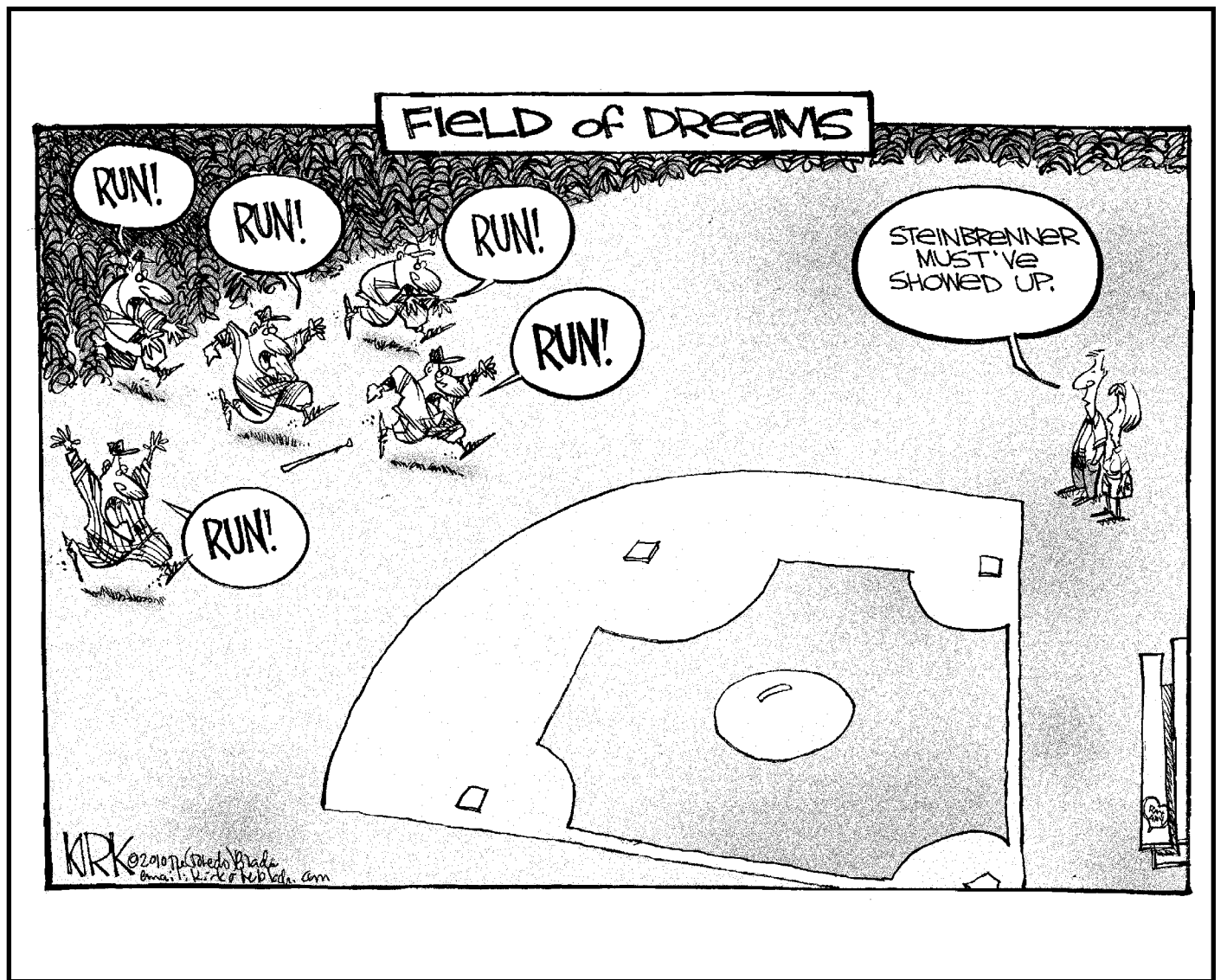
"The man who wore the chain with the cross deserved to be killed," he said. "He was a spy for the Americans and they taught him to leave his religion." Both Sunni and Shia religious and political leaders agree that the killing of a convert was sanctioned by Islam.

"It is every Muslim's duty," said Sheikh Mohammed al-Ghreri, a Sunni cleric based in al-Ali al-Adhim mosque in southern Baghdad's Zafraniyah neighborhood.

No everyone, however, supported the son's actions.

"Killing a man is a sin and killing one's father is an even bigger sin," said one young man in Baghdad who spoke on condition that his name not be used. "Let God judge such a person

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Giving the poor a stake in prosperity

By ROBERT RECTOR and CHARLES A. DONOVAN
THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

To hear Washington politicians tell it, welfare reform is something they've already checked off their "to do" list. Been there and done that back in the '90s, veteran members of Congress boast.

So why would lawmakers even think about accepting the Obama administration's plans to spend \$10.3 trillion on six dozen means-tested welfare programs over the next decade? Next year alone, welfare spending (cash, food, housing and medical care for the poor) is set to exceed \$950 billion. For every \$10 President Bush spent on welfare in 2008, President Obama expects to spend about \$13. Far from encouraging self-reliance, the welfare state's unrestrained growth spurt will force millions more into dependency on government.

And, unless Congress acts, it will drive the nation into bankruptcy.

Instead, lawmakers should focus on proven reforms, including incentives for able-bodied adults to get jobs, for poor Americans with children to marry, and for states to contain costs and trim welfare rolls. While we're at it, why not give the poor a greater stake in realizing the American dream? We can do that by treating some welfare benefits as loans to be repaid, at least in part.

This approach also would rescue the able-bodied poor from a clear moral hazard. Right now, they're passive beneficiaries as government compels their fellow citizens, the taxpayers, to make outright grants with minimal expectations attached. A gift is good, but a reciprocal obligation would restore dignity and build character. After all, most of us are more likely to act responsibly when our own money is on the line.

These were among the principles Congress applied 14 years ago in voting to reform a significant portion of the fast-growing welfare system.

President Clinton signed the reforms into law in 1996, promising they would "end welfare as we know it." Congress replaced a failing program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, with a new model called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Under TANF, the federal government no longer sent blank checks for program managers to pass along. Instead, the law expected bureaucrats to control costs. And, in exchange for cash benefits, it required healthy adults to devote 20 to 30 hours a week to working or preparing for a job.

Within 12 years, we saw dramatic results: 2.8 million Americans, well over half the national caseload, moved off the welfare rolls and into jobs. Many of them were single mothers.

But a funny thing happened on the way to ending welfare as we know it.

Adjusting for inflation, total welfare spending has nearly doubled since 1996. In a major shortcoming, Congress reformed only one of the 70 means-tested welfare programs. And in the past two years, even the gains under TANF came to a screeching halt. President Obama's economic "stimulus" package quietly created a \$5 billion "emergency" fund. Bureaucrats used it to reward states where welfare rolls are growing again. Not even one in five of these "emergency" dollars goes directly to employment strategies.

Congress should insist that program managers enforce TANF's work requirements, and vote to extend them to other welfare programs such as food stamps and housing assistance.

Yes, the recession continues to leave too many Americans hurting and jobless. Once it ends, though, lawmakers should peel back total welfare spending to previous levels and cap future increases at the inflation rate. That alone would save \$1.4 trillion.

Promoting healthy marriage should be a centerpiece of welfare policy, as Congress envisioned. Because the child of a single mother is seven times more likely to live in poverty than the child of married parents, it's a national tragedy that four of every 10 babies are born to unmarried mothers. For blacks, the rate is seven in 10—a compelling reason for the Congressional Black Caucus to back real welfare reform.

Congress ought to address this crisis by reducing and eventually eliminating the "marriage penalty" that perversely strips benefits from Mom and Dad for being married and living together. One way: Increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for married couples. Congress also should direct welfare agencies to share the facts on marriage's benefits to residents of low-income neighborhoods. Here, especially, out-of-wedlock childbearing—and thus poverty and a host of social ills—climbs ever higher.

With annual welfare spending closing in on \$1 trillion—over four times the 1979 level, adjusting for inflation—it's time to reboot our anti-poverty programs to control costs and promote self-reliance. Work requirements and loans rather than giveaways are a solid start. If we as a nation also act to reverse the collapse of marriage, it'll be a wise investment in building strong working families and helping their children and communities prosper.

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Letters to the Editor**From the horse's mouth!**

My feelings about commissioner salary have never been a secret. When then mayor Francisco Borja, my boss, appointed my own mother as a commissioner, I told him and my mother that \$75,000 a year is an obscene amount of money to pay anyone for a position that does not require a full-time appointment. The workload is just not there. The compensation of commissioners, however, is a matter of law and ultimately, it is only the people of Tinian that can decide on that matter by amending the Revised Gaming Act.

It has never mattered to me whether the money was there or not. My belief has always been that compensation for any employee should be based on skills, ability, and workload. I have always publicly disagreed and spoken against commissioners going on "fact finding" trips. My position has always been that investigative fees should be used to hire qualified independent contractors who can analyze the financial viability of gaming license applicants and then present facts to commissioners who will then in turn make informed decisions when issuing a license. My position has also always been that any off-island trips for TCGCC should prioritize training and development of commission employees prioritizing staff under the enforcement division. These include both commission inspectors and investigators.

'Muchacho ado about nothing'

Regarding the issue involving Judge Ken Govendo's use of the word "muchacho" in addressing a defendant in his courtroom, as Willy Shakespeare might opine, it's "muchacho ado about nothing."

As defined in the "New 'Shorter'" (two volume) Oxford English Dictionary: Muchacho - In Spanish and in Spanish speaking countries the term is applied to a boy, a young man, a male servant. Whereas, as you might imagine a "muchacha" is a girl, a young woman, a female servant.

So what is the definition of a "servant"? If you don't know, it's a personal or domestic attendant. A person who has undertaken to perform various duties for a wage or salary. A state official is a servant, as is a person professionally committed to serving the interest of the state—among other similar definitions which I shall omit.

Yes, it's true—government officials are servants—but some are loath to admit it, preferring to believe it to be the other way around.

Of all the obfuscated legal gobbledygook with which we must contend, now there is confusion over the precise meaning of the term "muchacho."

As my dear ol' German granny might say: "When using either the term *muchacho* or *muchacha* the entire issue is an exercise in *kankedort* and one should not be criticized for one's onomatomania, (as some terms are not to be found in Black's Law Dictionary). Indeed, "muchacho" and "muchacha" are two terms for which there is no legal definition—at least not in the first seven editions of Blacks.

Let us delight in language we can all understand and spare us a futile legal argument.

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Bill Stewart
via e-mail

Not 'young man'

With all due respect, where I come from in the Philippines, "muttatyu"—a corruption of the Spanish word "muchacho"—means slave, servant, houseboy. It doesn't mean "young man."

Paul G. Puguon
Chinatown, Saipan

Editor's Note: As in all matters linguistic, the meaning of a word largely depends on the context in which it is used. Yet everyone seems to be in danger of forgetting this truth in the case of Judge Kenneth Govendo's use of the word "muchacho." It was not the mere use of a word that's the issue in the current Supreme Court hearing—it's not even a tenth of the issue—but rather, it is the context surrounding Govendo's use of the word and the subsequent language he used, together with his demeanor, when he handed down his sentence against Roger Castillo that is the focus of the hearing. And it is for the Supreme Court panel to decide whether Govendo violated the precepts of the Commonwealth Code of Judicial Conduct Canon or if he was acting within acceptable bounds.

At this point, however, commission salary and TCGCC priorities are not really the issue. It is only an issue because there's barely any cookies left and most people are getting crumbs. We can all agree that this is just wrong, no matter what the initiative states or what's someone's legal opinion is of how revenues should be prioritized. Divisiveness and name calling, although entertaining, will not get us anywhere.

What is the issue is finally passing a local budget. The last budget that was passed was in 2006 at a ceiling of \$4.9 million. At this point, Tinian will be fortunate if it does realize a revenue collection of \$2.4 million at the end of this fiscal year, which is half the amount of the current approved spending ceiling. Much of this revenue was collected in the beginning of the fiscal year and was plundered on trips to the Philippines and unviable projects by the previous administration. People cried foul about their spending tactics and priorities, hence the change.

There is no room now for blame. There is only room for accountability and responsibility. People need to understand facts from fiction.

These are the facts:

■ The last administration withheld both employer and employee contribution since 2007. Therefore, we now owe retirement over \$1.6 million and people who want to retire can't. This mayor has to answer for that.

■ We owe USGS \$1.5 million from a settlement agreement. They are knocking on our doors today. This mayor has to answer for that.

■ We owe Tinian Dynasty over \$200,000, with interest, for the 60th World War II Anniversary, which this mayor is now paying to avoid litigation that we know we will lose.

■ We owe NMC \$26,000 and vendors close to \$75,000 from the previous administration. This mayor has to pay that.

■ We owe 170 deserving municipal employees \$520,913 in retroactive salaries that must also be paid, which is long overdue. This

mayor must have an answer for that also.

The last half of the fiscal year clearly denotes a downward spiral and much of the revenue has gone toward personnel for TCGCC, Municipal Treasury and one MOT employee. We've practically stopped all programs and services. Everyday we turn people away who truly need assistance. We are "nickel and diming" our people on a daily basis. Tackling this year's budget is not going to be easy as much of the revenues now go toward salary. So, when you begin talking about downsizing, you are going to be talking about taking money directly out of people's pockets. I've come to the realization that the only change that people want is one that jingles in the pocket.

The Tinian Leadership needs to decide what the priority for this budget is. I believe that at the very minimal, 20 percent of this budget should be allocated to public programs and services. At least 5 percent should be allocated to debt service. I also believe that the anticipated projection of \$2.3 million should be adjusted to reflect revenue decline over the last six months. It is only prudent. Otherwise, we will only add further unfunded liabilities on our books that we already cannot pay.

This is not just a leadership issue however. This is a people of Tinian issue. You have to speak out and participate in this budgetary process. If you do not, you will have only yourself to blame. Do your part in helping our leaders make the right decision by writing letters to the leadership or giving your input at the budget hearing this Friday, July 25, 2010, at 10am, at the MOT Conference Room.

Sa taya gai tareha i salape yan i programan publiku. I yota tod. Stop talking and take action!

In closing, I want to add that I don't blog. If I did, I wouldn't hide behind a pen name. Much of what I have just said, I've already said before.

Kimberlyn King-Hinds
Kanton Tasi, Tinian

Baseless judgments

This is in reference to the letter dated July 9, 2010 by Ms. Winnie Atalig of San Jose, Tinian. Everything she shared in her letter was commendable except the following: (FYI: that was the summary of a few relevant thoughts on the U.S. Department of Immigration status to guest workers dependent on the length of stay, as well as on the basis of the economic importance of the position held by selected guest workers.)

"Granting the estimated 20,000 guest workers will be given U.S. citizenship, do we always dare to think every single day that they will stay in the CNMI if there are other greener pasture in Guam, Hawaii or U.S. mainland?"

The sure answer is, if not all of them, many will leave the CNMI. So what is the point of being afraid of a possible voting control by Filipinos? Let us say, though, that some Filipinos candidates are elected to public offices in the future. It is improper to judge that these elected officials will exercise unrighteous dominion over the Chamorros and the Carolinians. Never in CNMI political history will that happen, because most educated Filipinos do not want to compete with indigenous people as far as employment or business opportunities are concerned. Even if they do, I am sure they will always think of the welfare of the indigenous people, that is, to train the locals so that the latter can replace the former, isn't? That is in the nonresident worker employment contract signed by both employer and guest workers, and approved by the chief of Labor, isn't it? It is just that we do not feel its effect because generally the locals do not stay longer than expected in the private sector even if they

Lessons in journalism

Someone on Tinian has been writing negative commentaries in the *Marianas Variety* Web site. Now allow me to communicate with this writer so that the record is clear inside the filing cabinet.

First, may I remind the writer that in journalism there are rules that should be followed professionally and not childishly. Second, may I remind the writer that he or she must identify his or her natural birth name so that the battle inside the golden arena is brightly seen under a spotlight. Do not hide yourself inside a dark cave that is infested with mosquitoes and ants. Third, in journalism always make sure that when you bark or shoot at anything, you always hit the target right in the "buwena" (target). Like the old saying, "When you bark, always make sure that you are barking at the right tree." Fourth, in journalism it is always a good writing practice to be constructive and positive so that the flow of blood inside the body does not destroy the heart and mind. Fifth and lastly, when your class in journalism is over you must always say to your teacher, "Thank you Mr. Someone, see you next week."

Martin S. Taitano
Garapan, Saipan

are all trained and well qualified for the jobs. Obviously the reason is the lower wages compared to government wages. But the sad part is that no matter how eager is the business owner is to retain local employees, they still leave their jobs because they can work somewhere else in the U.S mainland without having to experience unnecessary pressures associated in the work environment wherein majority of their co-workers are Filipinos.

"Right now, we are barely making ends meet, even with the present of these guest workers. How are we going to survive if most of them are deported?"

This shows that the CNMI cannot afford to let some guest workers leave the CNMI for good, especially those with their own families and are already totally adapted to the CNMI culture for almost half of their family lives. The tax dollars they are contributing to the CNMI Treasury arising from consumer spending are a great addition to the economy of Saipan, rather than sending more than half of their earnings to the Philippines, isn't it? Everything is in favor to the CNMI people as far as the guest worker program is concerned. It is just an issue of baseless fears and unfounded judgment that Filipinos will rule politically in both the government sector and the private sector.

On thought #14, it is inappropriate to judge that the guest workers need to leave the CNMI if they are treated well by their CNMI employer. I think we just have to think of a positive way of analyzing the issue of human relationships. The bottom line is that judgments and consequences are always in the hands of God. That's why Filipinos will just console themselves at the end of the day that God is not sleeping. He knows best for both the CNMI people and all others as long as greed and hatred are minimized in both leadership and culture.

Pete Delos Santos
St. George, Utah

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who converts."

Another young man in Baghdad who described himself as a devout Muslim agreed. "Islam is very clear about freedom of religion," he said. "I think those who support such killings have been misled by powerful political and religious figures."

Saadi, the former head of the Iraqi lawyers' union, said it's unlikely the murder suspect would go unpunished. "A killer is a killer," he said.






"But the period of jailing is up to the judge, who will look at the circumstances of the case," he added.

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The Weather

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly sunny, showers around. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny, showers around	Partly sunny, showers around	Rain at times	Rain
▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲88 ▼78
Palau	Partly Sunny	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼75
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲88 ▼79
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲86 ▼77

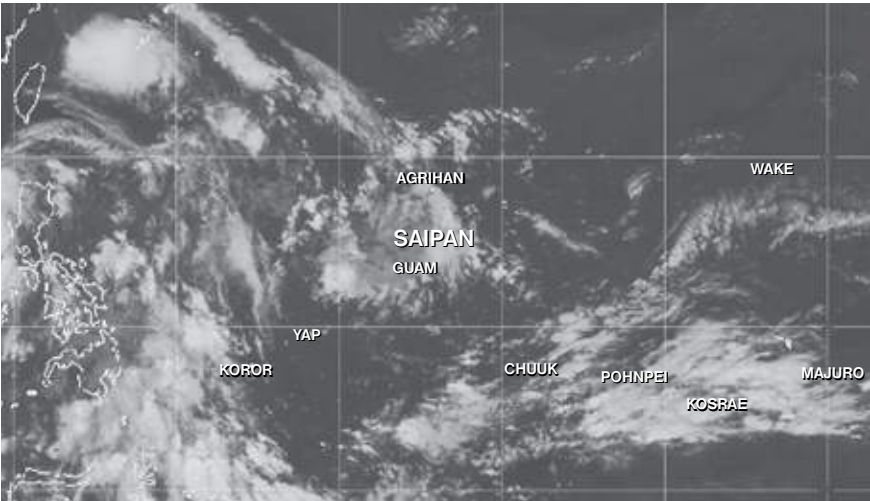
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Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼73
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84 ▼75
London	Showers	▲71 ▼57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲77 ▼64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲54 ▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼83
New York	Thundershowers	▲92 ▼74
Osaka	Sunny	▲90 ▼75
Paris	Showers	▲74 ▼60
Pusan	Sunny	▲80 ▼74
Rome	Sunny	▲90 ▼72
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼54
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼75
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼79
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲94 ▼78

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:37 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
9:21 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet	
4:38 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
8:53 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is combining with upper-level divergence south of an upper-level low near Minami Tori Shima at 28N144E to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of the Marianas within 70 miles of a line from 25N135E to 20N145E. Similar weather is also found near the Marianas between 11N and 19N from 139E to 148E. Low-level convergence is also generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of Koror and the Marianas or west of a line from EQ137E to 7N133E to 16N135E. An upper-level trough north of Chuuk and Pohnpei extends northeastward from 10N148E through an upper-level low centered near 18N156E to beyond 25N171E. Upper-level divergence on the south side of the trough is combining with strong trade-wind convergence to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Chuuk, and across Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshall islands between 2N and 9N from 145E to 173E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
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Thursday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Tuesday	1:53 PM	12:36 AM
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Thursday	3:45 PM	2:17 AM
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SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA				NAGOYA-SAIPAN			
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BEIJING				BEIJING-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	Daily
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	Daily	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
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C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
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OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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OZ606/723	3:30pm	10:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 200	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Business

BP, feds clash over reopening capped Gulf oil well

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—BP and the Obama administration offered significantly differing views Sunday on whether the capped Gulf of Mexico oil well will have to be reopened, a contradiction that may be an effort

by the oil giant to avoid blame if crude starts spewing again.

Pilloried for nearly three months as it tried repeatedly to stop the leak, BP PLC capped the nearly mile-deep well Thursday and wants to keep it that way. The

government's plan, however, is to eventually pipe oil to the surface, which would ease pressure on the fragile well but would require up to three more days of oil

spilling into the Gulf.

"No one associated with this whole activity ... wants to see any more oil flow into the Gulf of Mexico," Doug Suttles, BP's

chief operating officer, said Sunday. "Right now we don't have a target to return the well to flow."

An administration official familiar with the spill over-

sight, however, told The Associated Press that a seep and possible methane were found near the busted oil well. The official spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday because an announcement about the next steps had not been made yet.

The concern all along—since pressure readings on the cap weren't as high as expected—was a leak elsewhere in the wellbore, meaning the cap may have to be reopened to prevent the environmental disaster from becoming even worse and harder to fix.

The official, who would not clarify what is seeping near the well, also said BP is not complying with the government's demand for more monitoring.

When asked about the official's comments, BP spokesman Mark Salt would only say that "we continue to work very closely with all government scientists on this."

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's spill response chief, insisted Sunday that "nothing has changed" since Saturday, when he said oil would eventually be piped to surface ships. The government is overseeing BP's work to stop the leak, which ultimately is to be plugged using a relief well.

Allen decided to extend testing of the cap that had been scheduled to end Sunday, the official who spoke on condition of anonymity said.

Pressure testing

How engineers are using the newly-installed sealing cap to perform a pressure test on the cap and the well bore below the seafloor:

• **Government agreed to BP's plan if data is reviewed every six hours; test may take 48 hours**

1. Lines closed to collection surface vessels; oil flows out only through cap's top and its choke and kill lines
2. Valve inside cap and kill line closed
3. Choke line closed slowly; may take two hours; frequent pressure readings taken
4. Well closed; if pressure readings low, test stops; if readings high, test continues

After test, all valves reopened; officials will decide next steps

Risk

Pressure could blow oil through weak spots in well casing making well kill more difficult

Bad news

Low pressure readings indicate oil leaking out; well bore could be damaged

Connects to manifold and up to vessels

Good news

High pressure readings indicate pressure can be maintained, well is intact

Source: Deepwater Horizon Incident Joint Information Center
Graphic: Judy Treible, Tim Goheen

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UK air show tests health of ailing aircraft market

FARNBOROUGH, England (AP)—Boeing Co.'s long-anticipated 787 jet touched down on British soil Sunday, tipping its wings to the crowd and building buzz at the Farnborough International Airshow, the industry's premier event.

The arrival of the blue-and-white 787 after years of delay underlined hopes that the two-year downturn in the aviation

and defense industry is nearing a bottom. Boeing Chief Executive Jim McNerney claimed that the 787 would be "the way planes are going to be built for the next 80 years."

But he acknowledged that delivery of the aircraft—already more than two years overdue because of production problems—could slip into 2011. He blamed administrative delays.

"End of the year is the plan," McNerney said. "There could be some paperwork that pushes it into next year."

Concerns remain about the slow global economic recovery and sharp cuts to national defense budgets.

New orders for commercial aircraft are likely to be restrained and restricted to buyers from strong emerging markets

in the Middle East and Asia, while activity on the defense side of the show is expected to be muted.

Boeing and its archrival Airbus, meanwhile, head into the event facing growing challenges to their duopoly in the mid-sized civilian jet market from smaller manufacturers, including Canada's Bombardier and Brazil's Embraer.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Govt watchdog criticizes handling of car dealers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Treasury Department failed to consider the economic fallout when it told General Motors and Chrysler to quickly shutter many dealerships as part of government-led bankruptcies, a federal watchdog found. A report released Sunday by the special inspector general for the government's bailout program raised questions about whether the Obama administration's auto task force considered the job losses from the closings while pressuring the companies to reduce costs. Treasury didn't show why the cuts were "either necessary for the sake of the companies' economic survival or prudent for the sake of the nation's economic recovery," said the audit by Neil Barofsky, the special inspector general for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, the \$787 billion stimulus program known as TARP. "Treasury made a series of decisions that may have substantially contributed to the accelerated shuttering of thousands of small businesses," investigators said.

Telefonica deal to buy Brazil's Vivo falls apart

MADRID (AP)—Spanish telecommunications giant Telefonica on Saturday pulled out of negotiations to acquire a euro7.15 billion (\$9.3 billion) stake in Brazil's leading cell phone company Vivo. Telefon-

ica said in a statement to Madrid's stock exchange early Saturday that the deal fell through after Portugal Telecom's board of directors failed to accept the Spanish company's offer by the deadline. "The deal has been extinguished," Telefonica said. Though PT shareholders voted two weeks ago to accept the offer, the Portuguese government used special voting rights to block the sale, citing national interests. The European Union's Court of Justice then ruled that the Portuguese government's blocking of the deal was illegal.

Asian shares retreat after Wall Street tumble

TOKYO (AP)—Asian stock markets fell Monday after U.S. consumer confidence weakened and corporate results fell short of expectations. The region's losses came after Wall Street tumbled on Friday, with all major U.S. indexes losing 2.5 percent or more. Second-quarter results from Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. disappointed investors because revenue fell even as the banks generated an increase in profits. Adding to the gloom was a twice-monthly survey from the University of Michigan and Reuters which showed that consumers in the world's biggest economy are becoming more pessimistic. That suggests the U.S. economic recovery will slow and is bad news for Asian economies whose exporters rely on America as a key market.

Relationships change when friend becomes boss

QUESTION: I'm not sure how to handle my new supervisory position. Before being promoted, I was friends with my former coworkers, so I'm finding it difficult to tell them what to do. I love being a supervisor, but it's hard to be as tough as my superiors want me to be.

In a perfect world, I would like to be both a boss and a friend. However, I'm beginning to realize that to get things done, I need to be less of a friend and more of a boss. I know I have to demonstrate leadership, but I'm afraid this will turn me into an unlikeable person. After all, does anyone really like their boss?

ANSWER: To you, "boss" apparently means someone who is autocratic and unpleasant. Perhaps that has been your unfortunate experience. However, many people actually admire their managers and enjoy working with them.

Nevertheless, you are correct in thinking that you and your former peers can no longer be friends in the same way. The fact that you will now be doing their performance reviews has completely redefined that relationship. Like every new supervisor, you must learn how to comfortably relate to people from a position of power.

For help in navigating this transition, look for books, workshops or online resources that provide lessons in leadership. Seek out effective managers and use them as role models. You will soon come to realize that your goal is not to be liked, but to be respected.

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Q: I work as an office manager in a pleasant, stress-free environment. The pay is good, the schedule is flexible and the staff is productive. Everyone gets along well. My boss is located in another state and only contacts me when she needs information.

So what's the problem? For the past two years, I have been bored out of my mind. I have apparently made things work so well that there are no issues left to address. I'm beginning to feel that my skills are being wasted here.

I tried asking for additional responsibilities, but nothing ever happened. My friends say I have the perfect job, but it sure doesn't feel that way. Any thoughts?

A: It may help to understand the difference between "Starters" and "Maintainers." These two personality types are attracted to entirely different work environments. Starters enjoy the challenge of tackling problems and initiating projects, while Maintainers prefer

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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the satisfaction of keeping an operation running smoothly.

Without the stimulation of change, Starters typically become restless and discontented. Once all major issues have been resolved, they are ready to move on. Does this sound familiar?

To make work more interesting, you might undertake a difficult project or request a transfer to a more challenging position. But if those options seem unrealistic, consider looking elsewhere. After two years of boredom, you have surely realized that this is not "the perfect job," even if other people think so.

Nation

Oakland pot-growing plan worries small bud tenders

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—After weathering the fear of federal prosecution and competition from drug cartels, California's medical marijuana growers see a new threat to their tenuous existence: the "Wal-Marting" of weed.

The Oakland City Council on Tuesday will look at licensing four production plants where pot would be grown, packaged and processed into items ranging from baked goods to body oil. Winning applicants would have to pay \$211,000 in annual permit fees, carry \$2 million worth of liability insurance and be prepared to devote up to 8 percent of gross sales to taxes.

The move, and fledgling efforts in other California cities to sanction cannabis cultivation for the first time, has some marijuana advocates worried that regulations intended to bring order to the outlaw industry and new revenues to cash-strapped local governments could drive

small "mom and pop" growers out of business. They complain that industrial-scale gardens would harm the environment, reduce quality and leave consumers with fewer strains from which to choose.

"Nobody wants to see the McDonald's-ization of cannabis," Dan Scully, one of the 400

"patient-growers" who supply Oakland's largest retail medical marijuana dispensary, Harbor-side Health Center, grumbled after a City Council committee

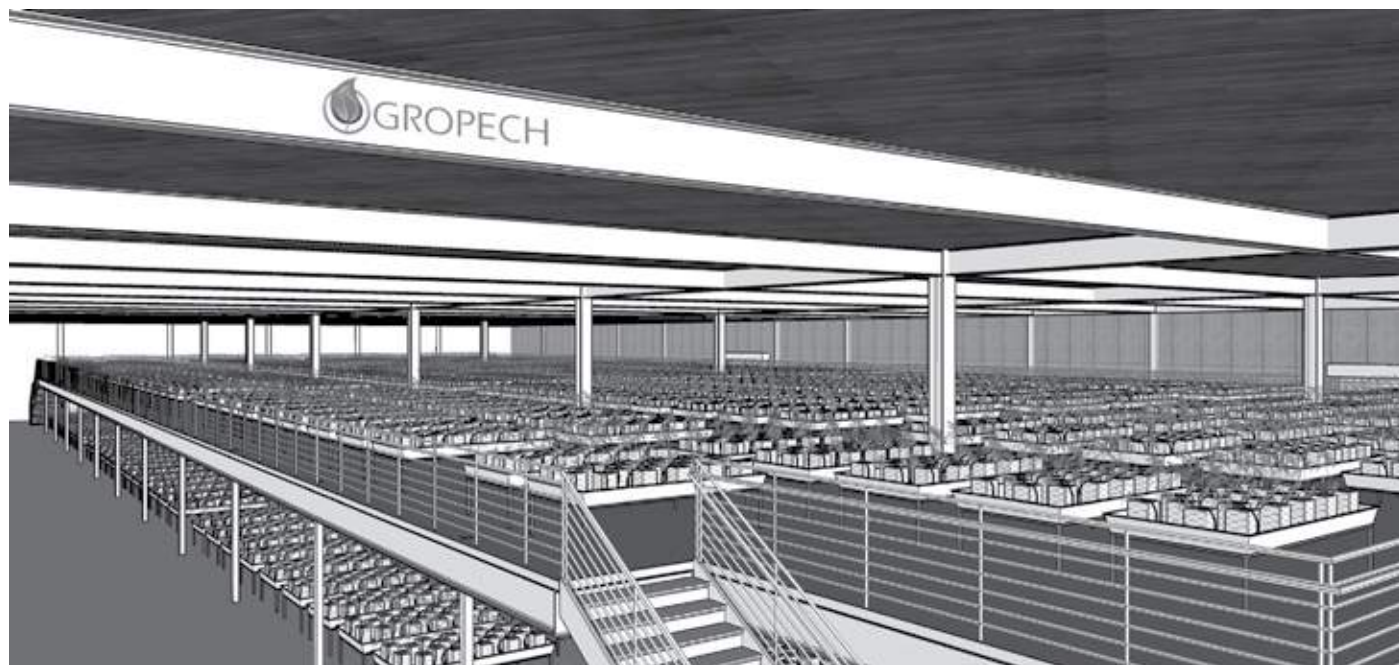
gave the blueprint preliminary approval last week. "I would compare it to how a small business feels about shutting down its business and going to work

at Wal-Mart. Who would be attracted to that?"

The proposal's supporters, including entrepreneurs more disposed to neckties than tie-dye, counter that unregulated growers working in covert warehouses or houses are tax scofflaws more likely to wreak environmental havoc, be motivated purely by profit and produce inferior products.

"The large-scale grow facilities that are being proposed with this ordinance will create hundreds of jobs for the city," said Ryan Indigo Warman, who teaches pot-growing techniques at iGrow, a hydroponics store whose owners plan to apply for one of the four permits. "The ordinance is good for Oakland, and anyone who says otherwise is only protecting their own interests."

Council members Rebecca Kaplan and Larry Reid, who introduced the plan, have pitched it largely as a public safety measure.



This computer image provided by Gropech shows a plan for a marijuana growing operation. The Oakland City Council is considering licensing and taxing four industrial-scale medical marijuana growing plants.

Treating HIV also prevents its spread, study finds

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Provocative new research shows that treating people with the AIDS virus can provide a powerful bonus: It cuts the risk that they will infect others.

New infections plummeted in parts of Canada as more people went on AIDS drugs, which lowered the amount of virus they had and the chances they would spread it, the study found.

For every 100 people with HIV who started taking AIDS drugs, new infections dropped by 3 percent in British Columbia, where the study was

done. The number of new infections there has been cut in half since 1996, matching a rise in treatment.

"The more people you put on therapy, the less transmission there is," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The drop in new cases in Canada "likely could not be explained by anything else," he said.

The U.S. government helped pay for the study. Results were published online Sunday by the British medical journal *Lancet* and were being presented at the International

AIDS Conference in Vienna.

The results suggest that Canada's policy of free AIDS care is having a double benefit: to the people being treated and to the public's health.

In the United States, the study should boost efforts to more aggressively test and treat people, and to plug funding gaps that keep many from getting care now, AIDS experts said. An estimated 1.1 million Americans have HIV, and about 20 percent of them don't know it. About 55,000 new infections occur each year in the U.S., a number that has held steady for a decade.

Finding ways to prevent HIV infection is critical because there is no vaccine or cure for AIDS. Recommended treatment is a combination of medicines that lower the amount of virus that infected people harbor, often to undetectable levels.

A study a decade ago in Af-

rica found that people with these very low levels of virus were less likely to infect others. Treating pregnant women with HIV lowers the amount of virus they have and the risk they'll pass it on to their babies.

The new study is the first clear evidence that the same principle holds true on a population level, in everyday community settings.

It was led by Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS in Vancouver.

Researchers used patient registries from British Columbia's universal health care system to track HIV tests, new cases, treatments and virus levels since 1996, when modern AIDS drugs became available.

Argument led to deadly Wash. state park shooting

SEATTLE (AP)—A shooting at a state park near Seattle that left two dead and four wounded stemmed from an argument between two groups, one of which was celebrating a birthday party, investigators said Sunday.

King County Sheriff's Sgt. John Urquhart said killed in the shooting Saturday night at Lake Sammamish State Park were one man from each group: a 33-year-old from Kent, Wash., and a 30-year-old from Seattle.

The park is about 20 miles east of downtown Seattle.

One of the dead men was found with a gun on his body, while the other was not found with a weapon, Urquhart said. Their names were not released.

The violence erupted around 9 p.m. at the edge of the lake between the two groups, who were about 50 to 75 yards apart. Urquhart said investigators

are still determining what the groups were arguing about and what caused the dispute to escalate into gunfire.

Six people were taken into custody, but so far no one has been booked into jail, Urquhart said Sunday.

The park, a popular gathering place for boating and watersports near the upscale suburbs of Bellevue and Issaquah, was closed Sunday while the investigation continued.

Urquhart said investigators at the scene have recovered four guns and at least 20 spent shell casing.

A park ranger alerted authorities to the shooting, placing an emergency call around 9 p.m. More shots were fired during the call. As police flooded the scene, they found parkgoers hiding in park buildings to get away from the gunfire.

Swedish Medical Center

spokesman Ed Boyle told The Seattle Times that a 29-year-old man with gunshot injuries was treated at the hospital's emergency facility in Issaquah before being transferred to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Urquhart said two other wounded men were also taken to Harborview, while the fourth was taken to Overlake Medical Center in Bellevue. A Harborview spokesman told The Times early Sunday that one man was in serious condition and the other two were in satisfactory condition. The names of the injured were not released.

Dawn Hilliker said she and her two teenage sons spent the day at Lake Sammamish State Park celebrating a friend's high school graduation. They were packing up their car to leave when they heard several loud bangs from 250 yards away.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Body found at Washington home of homicide suspect

SPOKANE VALLEY, Wash. (AP)—A SWAT team searching for a man wanted in an early Sunday morning attack that left a woman dead and her 9-year-old son on life support found the body of a man at the suspect's eastern Washington home, authorities said. Detectives couldn't immediately confirm the dead man's identity, but they believe the body found at about 5 p.m. belonged to the suspect, 39-year-old Jan R. Demeerleer. It appeared that the man had died from a gunshot wound, a Spokane Valley police statement said. Earlier Sunday, police warned that Demeerleer could be headed to Idaho. The attack happened at the woman's home at around 3 a.m. Sunday, police Sgt. Dave Reagan said. Officers arrived at the home to find the woman dead and two boys—ages 9 and 17—hurt.

Police: Mich. woman killed daughter, tried suicide

SOUTH LYON, Mich. (AP)—Police say a southeastern Michigan woman killed her disabled 13-year-old daughter with an

overdose of prescription drugs and then tried to kill herself. South Lyon officers say a home health care worker found the 52-year-old woman and her daughter unconscious in bed Saturday. The daughter was declared dead at the scene. Police did not release their names. Police say the girl had mental and physical disabilities and was abusive to her mother. Officers told local reporters that the mother is being treated for a drug overdose at a hospital.

Man dies after fall from mast of ship in San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Authorities say a volunteer at the Maritime Museum of San Diego has died after falling from the mast of a 19th century ship. San Diego Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief John Fisher says 68-year-old Gregory Vance Gushaw hit his head on the iron-hulled ship the *Star of India* as he fell about 50 feet into the water Sunday. Fisher says Gushaw was unconscious when other volunteers pulled him from the water and performed CPR. He was pronounced dead at a hospital. The museum's president and chief executive Ray Ashley says

Gushaw was a former Naval officer and longtime volunteer at the museum. The *Star of India* dates to 1863 and is billed as "the world's oldest active ship" by the Maritime Museum, a collection of historic vessels on the San Diego Bay.

Wis. Boy Scout dies from rock bridge fall in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Authorities say an 18-year-old Boy Scout from Wisconsin has died after falling 100 feet from a rock formation in Utah. Anthony Alvin of Green Lake, Wis., was with a group of scouts and scout leaders when he fell Saturday morning at Gemini Bridges, near Moab. Gemini Bridges is a rock span over Bull Canyon that has cleaved into two parallel bridges. It's about 235 miles southeast of Salt Lake City. In a news release, the Grand County sheriff's office said Alvin tried to jump about 6 feet, from one span of the bridge to the other, but fell backward. Sheriff's office and Canyonlands National Park rescue workers rappelled from the bridges and determined Alvin had died. Rescue teams then lowered Alvin's body to the canyon floor.

Asia

56 people killed as trains collide in east India

CALCUTTA, India (AP)—A speeding express train collided with a passenger train at a station in eastern India early Monday, mangling the carriages and killing 56 people, railway police said.

Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee raised the possibility the crash could have been another case of sabotage, two months after Maoist rebels were blamed for a derailment that killed 145 people.

Banerjee said she and top officials were rushing to the scene to investigate. "We have some doubts in our mind," she said.

The crash happened about 2 a.m. when the Uttarbanga Express slammed into the Vananchal Express as it left the platform at Sainthia station, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) north of Calcutta.

The collision destroyed two passenger cars and a luggage car, turning them into a tangle



In this image made from TV footage, a crowd gathers near crashed trains at Sainthia station, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) north of Calcutta in eastern India following a collision Monday July 19, 2010.

of twisted metal. The passenger cars were reserved for

those on the cheapest tickets and such carriages are usually

packed to capacity.

The force of the crash was so



intense the roof of one car flew into the air and landed on an

overpass above the tracks. Local residents climbing through the debris searching for survivors were later joined by rescue workers using heavy equipment to cut through the metal.

Rescuers recovered 56 bodies from the crash site and 125 other people were injured, said Surajit Kaur Purkayastha, a top police official. The two drivers of the Uttarbanga Express were among the dead, Banerjee said.

The disaster was the second major train crash in the state of West Bengal in the past two months. On May 28, a passenger train derailed and was hit by an oncoming cargo train in a crash that killed 145 people. Authorities blamed sabotage by Maoist rebels for that crash.

Accidents are common on India's sprawling rail network, one of the world's largest, with most blamed on poor maintenance.

Lost Korean War battalion awaits US MIA decision

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Trapped by two Chinese divisions, troops of the 8th U.S. Cavalry Regiment were left to die in far northern Korea, abandoned by the U.S. command in a Korean War episode viewed as one of the most troubling in American military history.

Sixty years later those fallen soldiers, the lost battalion of Unsan, are stranded anew.

North Korea is offering fresh clues to their remains. American teams are ready to re-enter the north to dig for them. But for five years the U.S. government has refused to work with North Korea to recover the men of Unsan and others among more than 8,000 U.S. missing in action from the 1950-53 war.

Now, under pressure from MIA family groups, the Obama administration is said to be moving slowly to reverse the Bush administration's suspension of the joint recovery

program, a step taken in 2005 as the North Korean nuclear crisis dragged on.

"If I had a direct line in to the president, I would say, 'Please reinstitute this program. There are families that need closure,'" said Ruth Davis, 61, of Palestine, Texas, whose uncle, Sgt. 1st Class Benny Don Rogers, has been listed as MIA since Chinese attackers overran his company—I Company, 8th Cavalry—at Unsan in late 1950.

It was one of Rogers' I Company comrades, Pfc. Philip W. Ackley of Hillsboro, New Hampshire, whose identifying dog tag appeared in a photo the North Koreans handed over at Korea's Panmunjom truce village in January of this 60th year since the war started. The North Koreans also delivered photos of remains, a stark reminder that Unsan's dead still wait to come home.

Clinton seeks more Pakistan-Afghan cooperation

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan and Afghanistan sealed a landmark trade deal Sunday as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton pushed the two neighbors to step up civilian cooperation and work together against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Shortly after kicking off a South Asia trip aimed at refining the goals of the increasingly unpopular war in Afghanistan, Clinton looked on as the Afghan and Pakistani commerce ministers signed the trade agreement. It was reached only after years of negotiation with recent and very active U.S. encouragement.

The pact, which eases restrictions on cross-border transport

tation, must be ratified by the Afghan parliament and Pakistani Cabinet. U.S. officials said they believe it will significantly enhance ties between the two countries, boost development and incomes on both sides of the border and contribute to the fight against extremists.

"Bringing Islamabad and Kabul together has been a goal of this administration from the beginning," said Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. "This is a vivid demonstration of the two countries

coming closer together."

Despite the agreement, Clinton faces challenges in appealing for greater cooperation between the neighboring nations on the nearly 9-year-old war, pressing Pakistan for more help in taking on militants accused of plotting attacks on the U.S., including the failed Times Square bombing, and stepping up action against extremists along the Afghan border.

Although Pakistan has relented on issuing long-delayed visas for some 450 U.S. officials and Clinton is bringing new U.S. develop-



Clinton

2 bodies found in flooded China mine that traps 11

BEIJING (AP)—Rescuers found two bodies in a flooded coal shaft in northwestern China and 11 miners remained trapped Monday—a reminder of the dangers of an industry that claimed the lives of 36 others just days ago.

More than 100 rescuers pumped water out of the mine shaft in Jinta, a county in Gansu province,

which was under construction at the time, the official Xinhua news agency said. Three miners were lifted to safety after water gushed into the mine Sunday.

Calls to the local government rang unanswered Monday.

On Saturday, 28 miners were killed when an electrical cable caught fire inside a coal shaft in northern Shaanxi province.

There were no survivors. The fire happened at the privately owned Xiaonangou coal mine in Sangshuping town.

The coal mine's owner, Guo Yungang, was detained by police, Xinhua said. His company, Xinxin Mining Co. Ltd., tried to expand the mine in order to increase output from 30,000 tons to 90,000 tons. Rescuers

retrieved the bodies of at least five miners and an investigation was under way.

In the third accident, eight workers died when a blaze engulfed a coal mine in central Henan province Saturday morning, Xinhua reported. The incident at a mine operated by the Zhengzhou Coal Industry Group was also being investigated.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Strong earthquakes strike off Papua New Guinea

SYDNEY (AP)—Two strong earthquakes struck off the South Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea late Sunday, a U.S. monitor said. There were no immediate reports of casualty or damage. The first quake, a magnitude 6.9, struck around 11 p.m. local time 325 miles (525 kilometers) northeast of the capital, Port Moresby. It struck 35 miles (57 kilometers) beneath the ocean floor, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The

second, a magnitude 6.8, struck a half-hour later in the same area, at a depth of 31 miles (50 kilometers). Indonesia issued a tsunami warning but lifted it soon after. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue an alert. The archipelago nation is part of the Pacific Ocean's "ring of fire," where earthquakes of this magnitude are relatively common.

Suicide bombing at Pakistani mosque wounds 8

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A suicide bomber ran past guards at a minority Shiite mosque in

eastern Pakistan then blew himself up Sunday, wounding eight worshippers, officials said. The attack appeared to be the latest in a string by Sunni extremists against other Muslims they consider infidels. It took place in Sargodha city, which is in Punjab, Pakistan's most populous province and its political heartland. The region is increasingly coming under attack by al-Qaida and Taliban militants who have logistics and training centers close to the Afghan border several hundred miles (kilometers) away. Government official

Zulfikar Shah said guards at the mosque tried to stop the suicide attacker, but he evaded them.

Bomb kills US service member in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A roadside bomb has killed an American service member in Afghanistan. The NATO-led military force gave no details of Sunday's blast in the country's volatile south. So far in July, 55 international troops have died in Afghanistan, 40 of them American. A record 103 NATO troops were killed in June, the deadli-

est month of the nearly 9-year-old war for international forces struggling to stabilize Afghanistan and prevent a return of the Taliban insurgents to power.

Bus falls into river in SW China, 27 feared dead

BEIJING (AP)—A bus plunged into a river in southwestern China early Sunday, leaving 27 people on board missing and feared dead, state media reported. Rescuers were able to save 11 others. The official Xinhua News agency said the accident occurred in southwestern Sichuan province when

the long-distance passenger bus fell into the Dajin River in Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. Xinhua had initially reported that the bus had fallen off a cliff, killing 23 people. The bus had been traveling from Ma'erkang County in Sichuan to the provincial capital of Chengdu when it plummeted into the river. It was designed to carry a maximum of 35 people but had 38 people aboard, including three children, Xinhua said. Rescuers continued their search for the missing during the day. An investigation was under way for the cause of the accident.

World

AIDS conference chief lashes out at world leaders

VIENNA (AP)—World leaders lack the political will to ensure that everyone infected with HIV and AIDS gets treatment, the head of a meeting dedicated to the disease said Sunday.

Julio Montaner—the president of the International AIDS Society and chairman of the AIDS 2010 conference—said the G-8 group of rich nations has failed to deliver on a commitment to guarantee so-called universal access and warned this could have dire consequences.

“This is a very serious deficit,” Montaner said. “Let’s rejoice in the fact that today we have treatments that work ... what we need is the political will to go the extra mile to deliver universal access.”

Montaner’s comments to reporters appeared to foreshadow one of the key topics for the weeklong gathering, which organizers say has drawn 20,000 policymakers, experts and advocates to take stock of efforts to fight the disease and generate momentum for the future.

Reflecting the emotional nature of the debate, protesters carrying banners and shouting slogans such as “broken promises kill, show us the money!” and “treat the people!” delayed the start of the opening session.

In 2005, G-8 leaders committed in a communique to developing and implementing an Africa-focused package for HIV prevention, treatment and care with the aim of getting “as close as possible to universal access to treatment for all those who need



Protesters demand support for AIDS before the International AIDS Conference starts with the opening session in Vienna, Austria, on Sunday, July 18, 2010.

it by 2010.” They reaffirmed and broadened their commitment a year later in Russia with more detailed financing pledges.

But a G-8 accountability report from the most recent summit of world leaders in Canada last month acknowledged that the “universal access targets with respect to HIV/AIDS will not be met by 2010.”

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, in a video address to participants, also weighed in on the issue.

“Universal access must remain our beacon—access to lifesaving drugs, access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support,” Ban said.

“It is achievable, it can be done!” singer Annie Lennox said in her message to delegates.

Among the multitude of matters to be discussed by participants through Friday are the decriminalization of drug users, as well as the growing AIDS epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Montaner accused governments from some Eastern European states of indifference to the acute situations in their countries and said their absence at the Vienna meeting was “irresponsible to the point of criminal negligence.”

According to the World Health Organization, 33.4 million people were living with HIV in 2008. While the numbers of deaths declined to 2 million in 2008 from 2.2 million in 2004, about 2.7 million new infections still occur each year.

Officials say gunmen kill 17 at a party in Mexico

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico (AP)—Gunmen stormed a party in northern Mexico on Sunday and massacred 17 people, authorities said.

The assailants arrived at the gathering in the city of Torreon in several cars and opened fire without saying a word, the Coahuila state Attorney General’s Office said in statement. At least 18 people were wounded.

Several of the victims were young and some were women, but their identities and ages had not yet been determined.

Television footage showed the patio of the house streaked with bloodstains and white plastic chairs overturned beneath a party tent decorated with pictures of snowmen. Police found more than 120 bullet casings at the scene, most of them from .223-caliber weapons.

Investigators had no suspects or information on a possible motive.

Coahuila is among several northern states that has seen a spike in drug-related violence that authorities attribute to a fight between the Gulf cartel and its former enforcers, known as the Zetas.

In May, gunmen killed eight people at a bar in Torreon. Later that month, a television station and the offices of a local newspaper came under fire. A pregnant woman was wounded in the attack on the offices of Noticias de El Sol de la Laguna.

Across northern Mexico, there have been increasing reports of mass shootings at parties, bars and rehab clinics.

In the worst such massacre this year, gunmen raided a drug-rehab center in the northern city of Chihuahua and killed 19 people last month. In January, gunmen barged into a private party in the border city of Ciudad Juarez and killed 15, many of them high school or university students.

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Suicide attacks kill at least 48 in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—A suicide bomber ripped through a line of anti-al-Qaida Sunni fighters waiting to collect their paychecks near an Iraqi military base as nearly 50 people were killed in violence west of Baghdad. The attack is the deadliest this year against the groups that turned against the terror network amid an apparent campaign by insurgents to undermine confidence in the government security forces and their allies. The attacks on the Awakening Council members highlighted the daunting security challenges the country faces as the U.S. works to withdraw all combat troops in Iraq. The first attack Sunday morning by a single bomber with an explosive vest killed at least 45 people and wounded more than 40 at a checkpoint near a military base in the mostly Sunni district of Radwaniya southwest of Baghdad. Some 150 Sunni fighters had lined up to collect their paychecks when the bomber struck, according to witnesses.

Tariq Aziz back in Iraqi court, says official

BAGHDAD (AP)—Former Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and several other members of Saddam Hussein’s regime appeared in court Sunday just days after their handover from the U.S. to Iraqi custody, an Iraqi official said. Deputy Justice Minister Busho Ibrahim said Aziz, 74, and the other members of the deposed

regime were summoned to appear in front of the court dealing with crimes from the Saddam era. The court charged Aziz with squandering the public wealth and he will face a new trial, his lawyer Badee Izzat Aref said. Aziz, who was the international face of Saddam’s regime for several years, has twice before been convicted by the Iraqi High Tribunal and has received prison sentences of 15 years and 7 years in prison.

Puerto Rico on alert after drug fugitive’s arrest

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—With the Caribbean’s biggest reputed drug lord back behind bars, law enforcement authorities in the region are on alert for potential bloody feuds among rivals and lieutenants trying to take his place. The Saturday capture of Jose Figueroa Agosto in Puerto Rico’s capital after a decade-long hunt was a big break, but it also means that members of his violent group may try to wrest control of his share of the illegal trade, said Javier F. Pena, special agent in charge of the Caribbean division of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. “This guy was truly the leader of his organization,” Pena told The Associated Press on Sunday. “And anytime the top guy is taken down, his people can start to fight one another to assume control. There is always concern that people will be jockeying for position, so it’s a matter of time to see if there will be bloodshed.”

Despite Chavez, Venezuela economy not socialist

CARACAS (AP)—It’s President Hugo Chavez’s biggest economic battle cry, and it’s getting louder as Venezuela suffers a recession: “We’re going to bury Venezuelan capitalism.”

Yet creating a socialist economy is one of Chavez’s most elusive goals—a stark example of the disconnect between the president’s rhetoric and the reality on the ground. In fact, the private sector still controls two-thirds of Venezuela’s economy—the same as when Chavez was elected in 1998, according to estimates by the Central Bank.

The reasons are political and practical: Chavez knows most Venezuelans recoil from the idea of Cuban-style state control, and his government is far

from being capable of taking over and running a majority of the economy.

“Basically he recognizes that in this day and age in a global economy ... complete state control would just doom the country,” said Michael Shifter, an analyst at the Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue.

So his strategy has been to selectively nationalize companies, set up state-run supermarkets and promote worker-managed businesses, while trying to convince Venezuelans to accept his vaguely defined brand of “21st Century Socialism.”

It is a hard sell for a country

hooked on consumerism.

Shopping malls are filled with middle- and upper-class Venezuelans browsing through Lacoste shirts, Guess jeans and Mont-blanc pens. Sales have declined in the recession, but just about everyone who can afford it seems to own a BlackBerry, and Scotch whisky flows liberally in upscale restaurants at the equivalent of \$110 a bottle.

Just as Chavez has ramped up his anti-capitalism tirades, he finds himself facing one of the biggest scandals of his tenure involving a state-run food distributor. The company, PDVAL, left more than



Chavez

Some Gaza women smolder over Hamas’ water-pipe ban

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—There are few pleasures left for Gaza’s 1.5 million people, squeezed by both a blockade and Hamas efforts to impose its strict Muslim lifestyle. And women here just lost another one.

Gaza’s Hamas rulers have banned women from smoking water pipes in cafes, sending plainclothes agents through

popular beachside spots Sunday to enforce the edict. Some women in the Palestinian territory are grumbling.

“This is silly,” said Haya Ahmed, a 29-year-old accountant who said she has smoked water pipes for 10 years. “We are not smoking in the streets but in restaurants, where only a few people can enter.”

She predicted the ban would

actually make water pipes more tempting for rebellious young women. “Everything forbidden becomes desirable. The decision will lead to more smokers,” Ahmed said.

Many Gazans pile into beach cafes in the evenings to puff on water pipes well into the wee hours of the morning. Islamic law does not ban women from smoking the traditional tobacco-

2,700 shipping containers of rice, flour, milk, chicken, beef and other foods in a port rotting or beyond their expiration dates.

Its former chief and two others have been arrested, and some Venezuelans have begun to mockingly call the state company “Pudre-val,” using the Spanish word for rotting. One newspaper cartoon depicted Karl Marx wearing a gas mask to ward off the stench.

It’s a glaring example of the problems and delays that regularly plague Venezuela’s government-run operations.

In a review of 15 state-run companies, economist Richard Obuchi found that all “were producing well below goals or production capacity.”

infused pipes, but many frown upon the practice.

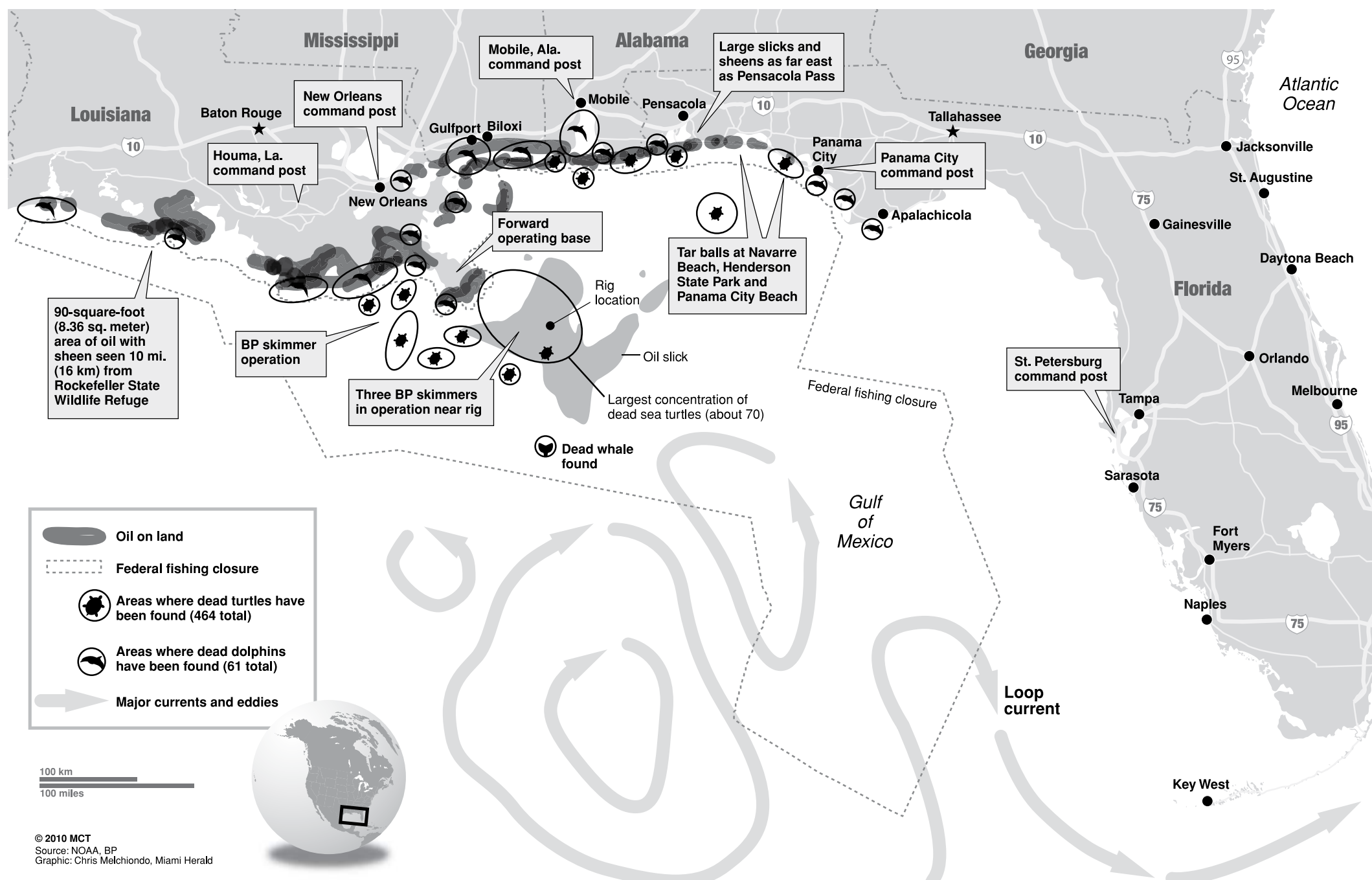
The water pipe restrictions are just the latest in a yearlong Hamas campaign to gradually enforce a strict Muslim life code on the people of Gaza—many of whom are conservative Muslims themselves and not entirely opposed. But the secular minority feels the crunch.

Focus

The ongoing battle against changing oil 'Blob'

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
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Inside a sprawling command post in southern Louisiana, The Blob is everywhere. It stains the many maps tacked to white walls. Computer monitors beam satellite images of it floating in the Gulf of Mexico, a magenta mass that looks more like an island than the colossal oil slick that it is. It sometimes changes shape on these screens, or breaks off into bits and pieces, but The Blob itself never vanishes.



Coast Guard Capt. Roger Laferriere oversees this command center, coordinating the unprecedented cleanup of oil off the Louisiana coast. There are other posts like it in Mobile, Ala., and Miami, but none has more manpower, equipment—or more of The Blob, as Laferriere and his staff have christened their enemy—than this base inside what once was a BP training facility for offshore oil production.

On any given day, some 40,000 people are working all along the Gulf Coast to track where the oil is headed, lay protective boom, skim what they can and clean shorelines; nearly half of them are under what is known as the Houma Incident Command Post.

Some are analysts who sit in darkened rooms at the BP warehouse, feeding satellite data into computerized maps that show where the oil is moving, what marshes have already been boomed and what areas skimmers are toiling.

Others—many of them shrimpers and fishermen turned cleanup contractors—work out of quaint docks converted into “forward operating bases,” hitting the

water after sunup to do the hands-on tasks necessary to contain and clear the oil. There’s displaced boom to be repositioned. Torn boom to be picked up, brought to shore and repaired. Absorbent boom soaked through on one side that must be turned or swapped out.

The spilling may have stopped at least for now, but their work goes on. Before a new cap fitted onto the busted wellhead corked the leak this past week, anywhere from 92 million to 184 million gallons of oil had gushed into the sea. Somehow, it’s got to be cleaned up.

Leading that effort for the Louisiana coastline is Laferriere, a man of boundless energy and confidence who holds a degree in environmental science and has worked any number of oil spills big and small—from Exxon Valdez to the post-Hurricane Katrina spills that dumped more than 8 million gallons.

Securing the leak does little to change his mission over the next weeks and months. “Even given that,” he says, “we’ve still got a lot of oil on the water. We’re going to continue to push forward until all the oil is removed and

the people of Louisiana can get back to their way of life. We’re going to be here until the end.”

Laferriere’s job is to not only coordinate efforts on the ground, but to meet with parish presidents, city councilmen and mayors, to answer their many questions, and to fend off criticism that not enough has been done to stop and capture the crude.

“Not enough” is something he’s heard a lot since arriving in Louisiana on May 22, almost a month to the day after the Deepwater Horizon explosion. It may be a complaint that there’s not enough boom, or not enough skimmers, or not enough boots on the ground to pitch in.

And so he’s made it his job to explain to anyone who will listen just how this all works—which methods clean the most oil fastest and the many obstacles out there to getting the job done. One day it could be a thundercloud that shuts down work. The next, high waves that prevent vessels from skimming. Or a full moon that makes sea states even more challenging.

Coast Guard Capt. Meredith Austin

is Laferriere’s No. 2 and runs the daily operations of the command center.

“Normally when you do an oil spill response, you have a release of oil ... but at some point in the near term, the source stops and then you know: This is what I’m fighting. You’ve got to skim as much as you can and burn as much as you can, do protective booming and clean up what’s on the beach. This one, you’re doing that every day but you don’t know when it’s going to end” once and for all, she says. “We get up every day and say, ‘Who’s the enemy today? What does the blob of oil look like today? Let’s go attack it.’”

The surface slick from the oil covered 2,700 square miles on Thursday—down sharply from its peak on June 14 but still an area slightly larger than Delaware, says Hans Graber, who has been tracking its movements via satellite imagery from the University of Miami’s Center for Southeastern Tropical Advanced Remote Sensing. Although the heart of the slick has fluctuated with weather and the amount of oil coming out of the seafloor, Graber says 44,000

square miles of the Gulf have seen significant amounts of oil pass through.

Even if the cap holds and no more oil spills, Coast Guard officials say cleaning what’s left of the oil offshore could take anywhere from several weeks to several months. Long-term restoration of soiled marshes and other affected areas could take years, depending on the extent of damage.

Barring bad weather, which itself can be a regular occurrence, the command post routine rarely changes: Mornings start with spotter flights to get a sense of where the oil is on any given day. While much of it remains amassed near the wellhead, other so-called streamers and ribbons have broken off and made their way into inlets such as Barataria Bay, forcing crews to constantly monitor the moving oil and shift resources as necessary.

Data integration teams update computerized maps to depict where the slick has spread and to help operations managers in Houma communicate with nine forward operating bases scattered

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across the coastal parishes to determine where skimmers and boom-tenders should focus their efforts. Weather forecasters keep an eye on storms and tides, to help decide whether it's an optimal day to burn some of the oil closest to the explosion site or use chemical dispersants to break it up.

It's a complicated effort that can be set off course merely by big waves or high winds. To understand how and why, consider the three primary ways the oil is removed from the water's surface.

The first is skimming, and the Coast Guard has deployed a combination of vessels all across the Gulf Coast to help with the task. Closer to the source of the spill itself are some 19 to 23 Weir skimmers, which draw oil up through suction pumps and into tanks. Smaller skimmers, including ones that use drums to absorb the oil and others equipped with squeegee-like devices, work in shallow waters closer to shore. In all, nearly 600 skimmers are deployed in the response, although national incident com-

water splashing onto the oil, making it unlikely to ignite.

The more controversial use of chemical dispersants, which are dropped from crop-duster type aircraft and help break up the oil so it can biodegrade, can potentially disperse hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil at a time, the Coast Guard estimates. But if winds reach 20 knots, those operations are ceased because gusts could carry the chemicals away from their intended target.

Some combination of these three techniques have been used to purge the oil from the Gulf since the spill began on April 20. More than 30 million gallons of oily water have been removed from the surface, and another 10 million-plus gallons have been burned. More than 1.8 million gallons of dispersants have been dropped, and the Coast Guard estimates that with every gallon of chemicals used, up to 20 gallons of oil may be disseminated.

Laferriere is explaining all of this one recent day at the Houma command post, as he paces a cavernous room dubbed the fish bowl. The walls hold maps of the Louisiana coast, all showing The Blob colored

used to spend days shrimping the many bays in and around Cocodrie. His job now is to help clean those waters. He's up every morning at 4 and over to the CoCo Marina, where he signs in and gets his orders for the day. Then he heads out in an airboat to check boom and, if necessary, help stretch and anchor it to protect the canals.

"It's the same thing pretty much every day," he says. "Sometimes it's shifted. Sometimes it's on the bank. Sometimes the anchor's gone, and you've got to go find it. It's been a nonstop battle just maintaining. And then sometimes you maintain and the oil moves to a different area and you've got to start all over again."

"Heartbreaking," he calls his daily trips down canals now lined with barges stacked high with all the tools needed to face down an environmental catastrophe.

"There are certain days you go out there and you want to just put your head down and cry, but you can't. You've got to deal with it and get it cleaned up. As much as you want to point the finger and blame and get mad and relieve some frustration,



In this June 12, 2010 file photo, BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles talks about the Deepwater Horizon oil spill while visiting with employees and workers in the command center at the Houma Joint Information Center, Saturday, June 12, 2010, in Houma, La.

mander Thad Allen said this week that the Coast Guard was on pace to almost double that number. Some of the vessels can remove up to 8,000 barrels—or some 336,000 gallons of oil and water mix—a day.

The challenge is this: While some of the spilled oil is a thick, black mass, much of it is sheen, and sheen is too thin for skimmers to be able to collect. Even near the source of the spill, the oil is only about a tenth of a millimeter thick, Laferriere says, meaning vessels equipped with booms must first surround the oil and tow it into a thicker pool that can be sucked up.

If the tides kick up because of a full moon or bad weather, the booms can't properly tow the oil and skimming is useless.

"Six feet of water, we can't skim," Laferriere says, likening the effort to trying to capture oil being sloshed like water in a washing machine.

A second cleanup method—burning the oil—is unsustainable if waves reach just 2 feet high, again because the oil must be towed into a thicker pile in order to catch fire. Even the slightest wave action can keep too much

red. Under a label that reads "Weather Forecast," graphics are hung depicting tide patterns, winds, and tropical storm warnings and watches. Other maps show scheduled overflights to drop dispersants.

Operational planning happens here, where dozens of men and women—some Coast Guard employees, other BP workers, other contract specialists (such as mapping experts from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency) come together each day to develop a strategy that is passed to field branches in places such as Cocodrie, La. The fishing village two hours south of New Orleans has been transformed from a fisherman's paradise into a warehouse for oil removal equipment, like much of the Louisiana coast.

At the CoCo Marina, the dock is blanketed with row after row of orange hard boom and softer absorbent boom, some awaiting repair or cleaning, other pieces ready to be ferried to oil-tinged marshes and bays. Anchors that hold the protective barriers into place are piled near dozens of blue buoy balls.

Luke LeBlanc is 43 and

that's not solving the problem."

Despite that, much finger-pointing has ensued, especially from local Louisiana politicians frustrated with what they saw early on as a lethargic response on behalf of the government and BP.

At one point, Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser and others questioned why more equipment seemed to be sitting on docks rather than in the water. But even Nungesser, who just last month told a congressional panel, "I have spent more time fighting the officials of BP and the Coast Guard than fighting the oil," says the cleanup effort has improved.

"In the last two weeks we have made unbelievable progress," Nungesser says.

But the most significant step forward may be the 75-ton metal cap now in place at the bottom of the ocean.

"It's somewhat a sense of relief knowing, hopefully, that every bit of oil we pick up from here on out will be a little less that's going to be out there, as opposed to picking up less than was being spilled and losing ground on a daily basis," Nungesser says. "It's a great feeling."

Overdrive



In 2010 Altima coupe, Nissan keeps 2-door design alive

By STEVEN COLE SMITH
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Two-door coupe versions of popular four-door sedans have been fading in popularity since designers figured out how to make four doors look sexy. Gone is the Toyota Solara, a two-door Camry. Ford has never sold a two-door version of the Taurus or Fusion, and Chevrolet's Monte Carlo, essentially a two-door Impala, lives on only in the memories of NASCAR fans. Honda still has a two-door Accord, but sales pale compared to the sedan.

It was a mild surprise, then, that Nissan decided to sell a two-door version of its popular Altima sedan. It was even more surprising that designers massaged the Altima coupe into a genuinely pretty car. Final surprise: It's fun to drive.

Not so surprising, though, is that the Altima coupe hasn't been setting sales records. I suspect one reason is the revival of the domestic pony car market—suddenly the Altima coupe not only has to battle a rejuvenated Ford Mustang, but also a Chevrolet Camaro and a Dodge Challenger, all available, nicely equipped, in the same price range as this deluxe Altima coupe SR—about \$30,000.

That's for the top-of-the-line Altima coupe, though, like the model SR test car. It has the 3.5-liter, 270-horsepower V-6 engine, with a good-but-not-great

six-speed manual transmission. It's a strong, proven engine, but the Altima coupe's suspension and 18-inch all-season tires, coupled with the Altima's front-wheel-drive platform, make this essentially a sporty coupe, instead of a sports coupe. Performance-oriented enthusiasts are likely to gravitate toward the

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Base price: \$29,600
Test drive: \$30,495
EPA rating: 18 mpg city, 27 mpg highway
Engine: 3.5-liter, 270-horsepower V-6
Transmission: Six-speed manual
Length: 180.9 inches
Wheelbase: 105.3
Bottom line: Hot looks, mild manners

Mustang, Camaro or Challenger, or Nissan's own 370Z, which starts at just over \$30,000.

Don't take that as a criticism of the Altima coupe, because it isn't—all this applies to the Honda Accord coupe, too. Both emphasize style and luxury over performance.

And both are available in a much less expensive form than the V-6-powered premium model. The base Altima coupe, at under \$24,000, is standard with a 2.4-liter, 175-horsepower four-cylinder engine that can squeeze out an EPA-rated 23 mpg city, 32 mpg highway, compared to the 18/27 mpg rating for the V-6 test car, which isn't bad for 270 horsepower.

Hang onto water pumps until coolant begins leaking

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I have a 2007 Taurus with 100,000 miles on it. The manual recommends changing the antifreeze at 100,000 miles. Based on my previous experience, I am planning on changing the water pump and antifreeze at the same time. What is your opinion of changing water pumps before they fail?

ANSWER: Most failures on externally mounted, belt-driven water pumps are not sudden or

instantaneous. Often, coolant will begin dripping from the pump's "weep hole," a small opening in the water pump housing. The impeller shaft bearings are protected from coolant by seals, so if coolant begins to seep from this hole, coolant has to be getting into the bearings, which will eventually lead to pump failure. If this type of pump isn't weeping any coolant, I see no reason to replace it during routine cooling system service.

On engines that require removal of the timing belt to gain

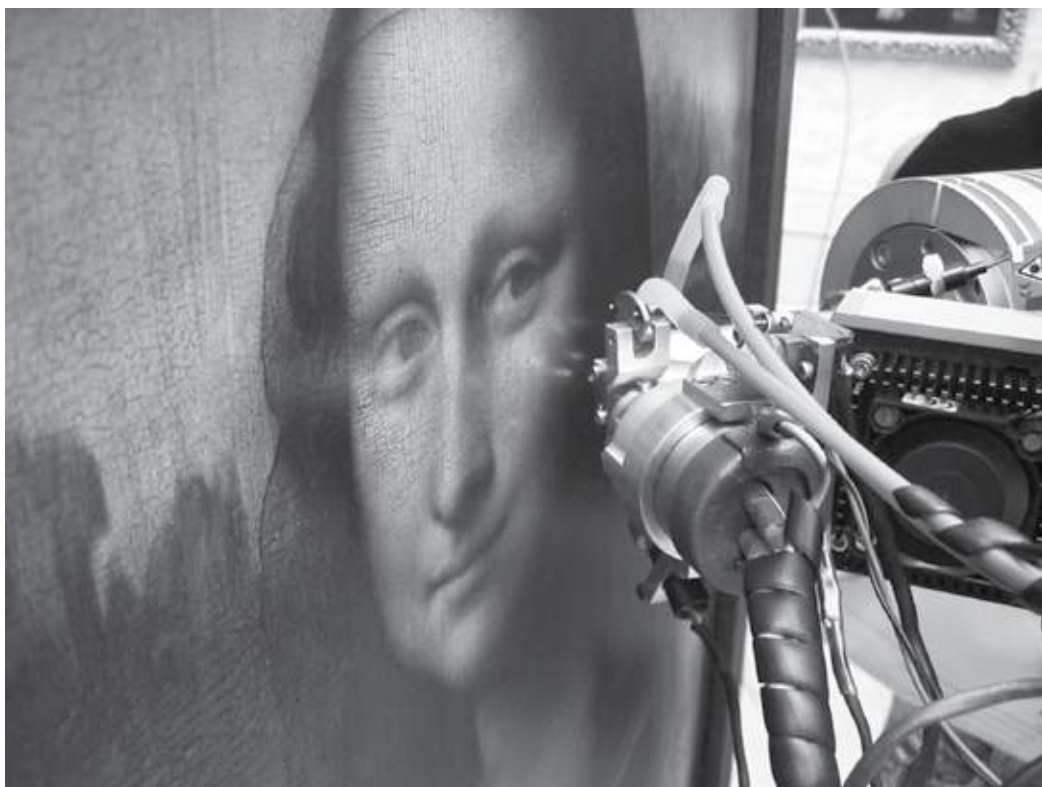
access to the water pump, there is some merit in replacing the pump during routine timing belt replacement to avoid paying for the same labor costs at a later date.

By the way, my recommendation for routine cooling system service—flush and refill with fresh coolant—is three years or 50,000 miles regardless of type of coolant. It's cheap insurance against cooling system corrosion and premature failure of expensive parts like water pumps, cylinder head gaskets, radiators and the like.

On the road, the Altima coupe was quick and nimble, with a very comfortable highway ride. Race-minded enthusiasts may wish for a stiffer suspension, but its mild manners make this one of the most passenger-friendly coupes available.

That and the sleek styling should help the Altima coupe find a small but dedicated fan base.

Life & Style



This recent undated photo provided Friday July 23, 2010, by the CNRS (National Center of Scientific Research) shows the Mona Lisa painting being examined with a non-invasive technique called X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy to study the thickness of paint layers and their chemical composition.

French scientists crack secrets of Mona Lisa

By ANGELA DOLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The enigmatic smile remains a mystery, but French scientists say they have cracked a few secrets of the “Mona Lisa.”

French researchers studied seven of the Louvre Museum’s Leonardo da Vinci paintings, including the “Mona Lisa,” to analyze the master’s use of successive ultrathin layers of paint and glaze—a technique that gave his works their dreamy quality.

Specialists from the Center for Research and Restoration of the Museums of France found that da Vinci painted up to 30 layers of paint on his works to meet his standards of subtlety. Added up, all the layers are less than 40 micrometers, or about half the thickness of a human hair, researcher Philippe Walter said Friday.

The technique, called “sfumato,” allowed da Vinci to give outlines and contours a hazy quality and create an illusion of depth and shadow. His use of the technique is well-known, but scientific study on it has been limited because tests often required samples from the paintings.

The French researchers used a noninvasive technique called X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy to study the paint layers and their chemical composition.

They brought their specially developed high-tech tool into the museum when it was closed and

studied the portraits’ faces, which are emblematic of sfumato. The project was developed in collaboration with the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble.

The tool is so precise that “now we can find out the mix of pigments used by the artist for each coat of paint,” Walter told The Associated Press. “And that’s very, very important for understanding the technique.”

The analysis of the various paintings also shows da Vinci was constantly trying out new methods, Walter said. In the “Mona Lisa,” da Vinci used manganese oxide in his shadings. In others, he used copper. Often he used glazes, but not always.

The results were published Wednesday in *Angewandte Chemie International Edition*, a chemistry journal.

Tradition holds that the “Mona Lisa” is a painting of Lisa Gherardini, wife of Florentine merchant Francesco del Giocondo, and that da Vinci started painting it in 1503. Giorgio Vasari, a 16th-century painter and biographer of da Vinci and other artists, wrote that the perfectionist da Vinci worked on it for four years.

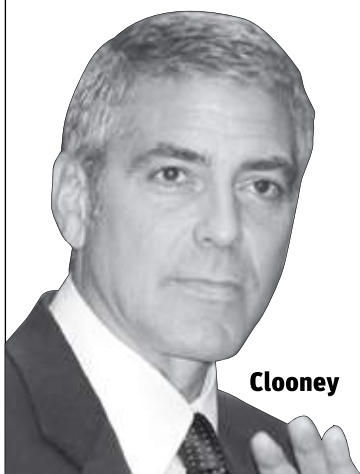
George Clooney radiates cool on witness stand

By COLLEEN BARRY
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MILAN (AP)—It’s no wonder the Italian businessmen claimed George Clooney was behind their fashion line—the actor knows how to wow an audience whether he’s on the red carpet or the witness stand.

Maintaining his trademark aura of cool, Clooney delivered a few wisecracks Friday as he testified against three defendants accused of co-opting his name with the goal of launching a fashion line.

The appearance of the star,



Clooney

who maintains a villa on nearby Lake Como but is rarely seen here in public, sent the normally staid courthouse into full celebrity tilt. Clooney had to push his way through a wall of cameras into the courtroom, saying “scusa, scusa,”—“Excuse me” in Italian—and warning “Don’t crush my lawyers.”

Thronges of fans packed the tiny courtroom. The judge repeatedly told spectators to be quiet and tossed out one woman who snapped a photo of Clooney.

The 49-year-old actor wore a navy blue suit, crisp white shirt and red-spotted blue tie as he addressed the court through an interpreter, throwing in occasional words in Italian and apologizing for his lack of fluency.

He testified that photos that purported to show him with two of the defendants were doctored and signatures on documents also were forged.

Only one defendant—Vincenzo Cannalire—attended the trial.

Clooney turned to greet

him after recognizing the man from of the photos he was looking at.

“This is the first time I’ve ever seen him,” Clooney said, motioning to the defendant. Then with just a trace of irony, Clooney added, “So I’d like to say hello, nice to meet you.”

Two others also charged with criminal fraud in the case are Vanja Goffi and Francesco Galdelli.

Clooney said one photo purporting to show him with Goffi was instead doctored from a photo of Clooney and an ex-girlfriend in real life.

The actor said he had never met Goffi but knew of her from stories on the Internet that claimed the two had a romantic relationship.

“Of course, I have seen her for the last three years in every single interview story nearly every day,” Clooney said with a hint of annoyance. The actor said the woman had even moved to the town in Italy where he spends about two months a year, but added: “I’ve never met her. I’ve never seen her.”

South Africans mark Mandela’s birthday

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP)—A South African community once riven by anti-foreigner violence came together Sunday in the spirit of Nelson Mandela to play a little soccer.

Theso-called “goodwill games” were among activities around the world marking Mandela Day, which falls on Mandela’s July 18 birthday and was conceived as an international day devoted to public service. Community leaders in Atteridgeville organized the unity-building tournament of teams of South Africans, Zimbabweans, Mozambicans and Somalis who

all live in this poor, black neighborhood on the western edge of South Africa’s capital.

Mandela, who turned 92 years old on Sunday and is largely retired from public life, was spending the day with his family in Johannesburg. Early Sunday, his wife went to an orphanage in Soweto to help plant a vegetable garden.

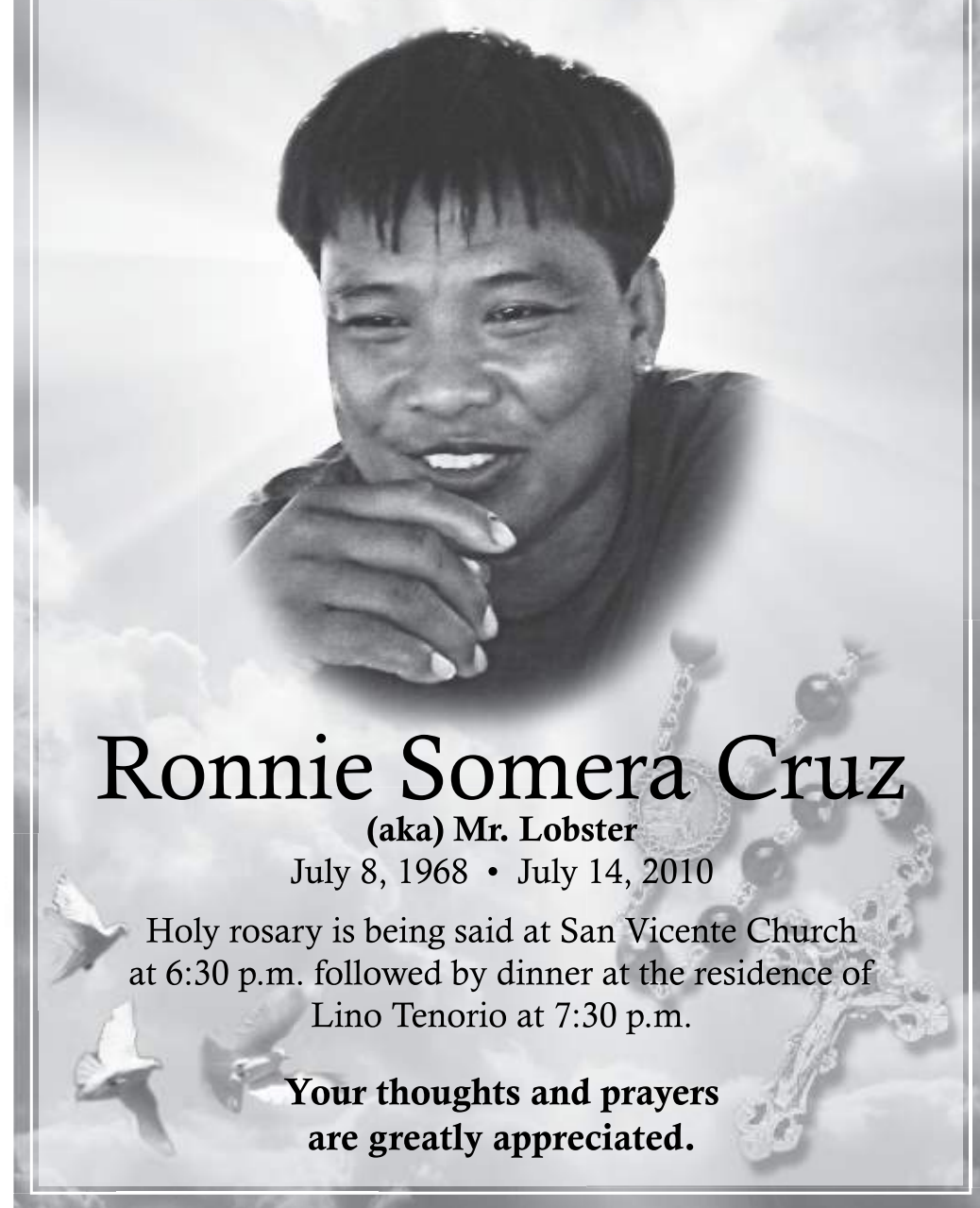
“Today is an opportunity for millions of people around the world to look inside themselves and find those beautiful qualities as any human being has and say: ‘I am able to make a

difference to my neighbor, to someone underprivileged, I can extend my goodness to other people,’” Mandela’s wife Graca Machel said Sunday.

She said that while her husband was no longer so physically strong, “his spirit is strong as ever.”

President Jacob Zuma and other government officials were marking the day in Mandela’s birthplace of Mvezo by planting trees and painting class rooms in that far southern region of the country that is among the poorest in South Africa.

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'Inception' earns dreamy reception with \$60.4M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Leonardo DiCaprio and Christopher Nolan's "Inception" is anything but a sleeper as the thriller opened big with \$60.4 million and a No. 1 finish at the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Warner Bros. action tale about a team that sneaks into people's dreams is DiCaprio's biggest opening weekend, topping his previous best of \$41.1 million for last winter's "Shutter Island."

"Inception" falls far short of director Christopher Nolan's best, though. Nolan is the man who directed the Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight," which opened over the same weekend two years ago with a record \$158.4 million.

Warner Bros. has carved out a niche with this particular mid-July weekend. The studio followed

1. "Inception," \$60.4 million.
2. "Despicable Me," \$32.7 million.
3. "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," \$17.4 million.
4. "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse," \$13.5 million.
5. "Toy Story 3," \$11.7 million.
6. "Grown Ups," \$10 million.
7. "The Last Airbender," \$7.5 million.
8. "Predators," \$6.8 million.
9. "Knight and Day," \$3.7 million.
10. "The Karate Kid," \$2.2 million.

"The Dark Knight" with a \$77.8 million opening for "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" over the same weekend last year.

"We like this spot. Not to sound superstitious, but stay away from this weekend. I own it," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros.

The final "Harry Potter" movie debuts on the same weekend next summer. Warner plans to open Nolan's third "Batman"

movie over that weekend two years from now, though Fellman said the studio could move it to an earlier date that summer.

Strong reviews helped "Inception," which stars DiCaprio as leader of a team that normally breaks into people's dreams to steal their secrets but now has been hired to do the opposite—plant an idea in a wealthy heir's subconscious.

Slipping to second place with \$32.7 million was the previous weekend's No. 1 movie, Steve Carell's animated hit "Despicable Me." The Universal release raised its 10-day total to \$118.4 million.

Disney's family adventure "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" was a dud, opening at No. 3 with \$17.4 million, lifting its total to \$24.5 million since premiering Wednesday.

"It's disappointing to say

the least," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney, which had high hopes for the movie. "I'm perplexed. I have no response, because I honestly don't know what went wrong."

With "Inception" and "Despicable Me," the weekend marked a rare instance when two original stories—not sequels, spinoffs or adaptations of comic books, best-sellers or other properties—

led the box office.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday.

Five best mind-trip movies

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

LOS ANGELES, California (AP)—"Inception" is about dreams, and dreams within dreams. It's about plundering the subconscious for secrets and, perhaps, planting a few ideas there, as well.

But writer-director Christopher Nolan has done so much more than just recreate the sensation of what happens when people fall asleep. He has built a complete and complicated world, one that constantly shakes you up and makes you work—makes you stop every once in a while to find your bearings. In a good way.

It is the most superbly crafted mind trip, and it follows a great tradition of challenging, innovative films.

We're not talking about movies with a twist like, oh, Bruce Willis is actually dead or Edward Norton and Brad Pitt are really the same person or Jaye Davidson has a penis. That's a whole 'nother discussion for another time. No, these are films that ask you to free your mind, and the rest will follow. Hopefully.

"The Matrix" (1999)

The first one, that is, and not the inferior, back-to-back sequels. This clearly influenced Nolan, with its depiction of an alternate reality in which characters can drop in



together and interact with each other, a place where the usual rules of time and space do not apply. This futuristic action thriller was just hugely cool and, in retrospect, so influential, from the "bullet time" effect to the

bold, S&M-style wardrobe aesthetic. Despite drawing from various religious and mystical sources, the Wachowski Brothers truly created their own original world here.

"Mulholland Dr." (2001)

It could all be a dream. That is one way to interpret it. David Lynch will never tell you what his movie is about, of course, and that is what makes him and his work



simultaneously intriguing and maddening. Disarming visuals, shocking imagery, cryptic proclamations: they all are there, and they require repeated viewing, and even then "Mulholland Dr." may not make sense.

Here is what is certain: Naomi Watts gave a star-making performance in two different roles in this Hollywood mystery, and a haunting feeling will linger with you long afterward.

"2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968)

Vintage Stanley Kubrick: visually striking, mentally baffling, artistically unlike anything else. The questions it raises may never



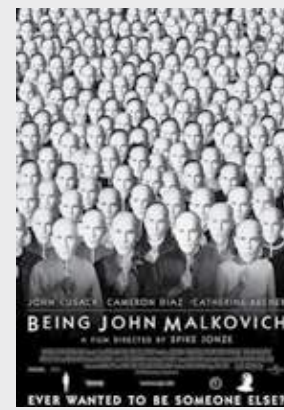
STANLEY KUBRICK'S
**2001:
a space odyssey**

be answered, and that's part of the film's beauty. This much we know: There's a monolith, and HAL 9000 will not open the pod bay doors for Dave, but he will sing "Daisy." Still, it is duly one of the most influential science fiction movies ever made, at once enormous and intimate, balletic and even melancholy. As a

bold piece of film making, it is very much of its time, yet it still grabs hold of its audience just as ferociously as ever today.

"Being John Malkovich" (1999)

Really, you could list any movie Charlie Kaufman's written here. Many would choose the wistful "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless



Mind," with its vivid, dreamlike imagery. Others love the sprawling, existential "Synecdoche, New York." But this was Kaufman's first, and it is my favorite of his. Merely the idea of entering a portal that takes you inside Malkovich's mind is inspired in itself. It is where

Kaufman and director Spike Jonze go with this concept—an absurd exploration of love and identity—that makes this movie so irresistible and strangely sweet.

"Memento" (2000)

And now we're back to Nolan again, and the movie that put him on the map. With its screenplay-in-reverse (which Nolan co-



wrote with brother Jonathan), this was an early indicator of the kind of intricate, intelligent puzzle-building that would become one of Nolan's trademarks. Like "Inception," "Memento" makes you work. But watching it unfold is a thrill as Guy

Pearce pieces together his past through notes and tattoos to hunt down his wife's killer. You could analyze it to death to see if it holds together (it does) or you could just go with it and enjoy having him toy with you.

Think of any other examples? Share them with AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire through Twitter: www.twitter.com/christylemire.

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Leonardo DiCaprio, Marion Cotillard
Action, Science fiction • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Warner Bros. presents the new film by The Dark Knight's Christopher Nolan, this one taking on a sci-fi psychological spin for the serious-minded action auteur, with Leonardo DiCaprio spearheading the cast. Emma Thomas serves as producer, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ken Watanabe, Marion Cotillard, Cillian Murphy, and Ellen Page rounding out the supporting roles.



The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Friday and Saturday 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30
Sun through Thurs 1:20 4:10 7:20

Nicolas Cage, Jay Baruchel
Fantasy, Children's/family • Rated PG

Synopsis

Based on the Fantasia short, Walt Disney resurrects the "Sorcerer's Apprentice" story with this children's fantasy film starring Jay Baruchel as an apprentice of a magician (Nicolas Cage) who makes a mess of their workshop when his master is out. Teresa Palmer plays the love interest in the Jon Turteltaub-helmed production.



Despicable Me

Friday and Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:40
Sun through Thurs 1:05 4:05 7:05

Steve Carell, Jason Segel
Comedy, Children's/family • Rated PG

Synopsis

A man (voiced by Steve Carell) who's in the midst of making plans to steal the moon is sidetracked when he's put in charge of three orphans in this computer-generated 3-D animated film by directors Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin. Jason Segel, Kristen Wiig, Will Arnett, Danny McBride, Russell Brand, and Julie Andrews also lend their voices to the Universal Pictures production.



Predators

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Sun through Thurs 1:25 4:25 7:25

Adrien Brody, Alice Braga
Action, Science fiction • Rated R



The Last Airbender

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Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz
Adventure, Family • Rated PG



Twilight Saga: Eclipse

Friday and Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sun through Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart
Fantasy • Rated PG 13



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Sun through Thurs 1:10 4:20 7:10

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Gabor

Zsa Zsa Gabor to have hip replacement surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor will have surgery to replace the hip she broke when she fell out of bed in her Bel Air home, her publicist said Sunday.

John Blanchette said the 93-year-old actress will undergo the procedure Monday.

Gabor remained in a Los Angeles hospital Sunday with her husband, Prince Frederic von Anhalt, and other family members by her side.

She was watching television in her Bel Air home when she

reached to answer the phone and tumbled to the floor, according to Blanchette.

"She was watching her favorite show, 'Jeopardy,' when the phone rang," he said. "She reached over to pick it up and fell."

He said several bones were broken, but said he didn't know any other details of her injuries.

Von Anhalt called an ambulance, and Gabor was taken to Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

The hospital said early Sun-

day that family members were with her but did not disclose any other details. The actress is partially paralyzed from a 2002 car accident, which required her to use a wheelchair. She also reportedly had a stroke in 2005.

Gabor, a Hungary native, appeared in films ranging from "Moulin Rouge" in 1952 to "Queen of Outer Space" in 1958. She also appeared on TV specials and game shows, and as a guest on several television series, often playing herself.

Church: No full burial service for Romanian singer

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)—The Romanian Orthodox Church said Friday as thousands mourned the death of a popular singer that it would not give her a full burial service because she committed suicide.



Manole

A single priest will perform a simple service for Madalina Manole in a church courtyard, the church said, because it

considers suicide "a grave sin." Some Romanians, including singer Tavi Colen, publicly urged the church to reconsider, saying Manole was a believer who suffered from depression, which should be treated as an illness.

Clinton: Daughter's wedding is nerve-racking

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says daughter Chelsea's approaching wedding is making nervous wrecks of both parents.

In an interview with NBC's Andrea Mitchell in Islamabad on Sunday, Clinton was asked about former President Bill Clinton's role in the ceremony.

"You should assume that if he makes it down the aisle in one piece it's going to be a major accomplishment," Clinton said

with a laugh. "He is going to be so emotional, as am I."

The 30-year-old Chelsea plans to tie the knot with investment banker Marc Mezvinsky on July 31 in Rhinebeck, in upstate New York. Clinton stuck to her pledge not to reveal wedding details.

"My lips are sealed," she said, adding, "I am under very strict orders not to talk about," since it is a private matter.

Asked what she saw as the significance of this being an interfaith union, Clinton said it

says a lot about the couple's relationship. Clinton is Christian; Mezvinsky is Jewish.

"Over the years, so many of the barriers that prevented people from getting married, crossing lines of faith or color or ethnicity have just disappeared," she said. "Because what's important is: 'Are you making a responsible decision? Have you thought it through? Do you understand the consequences?' And I think in the world that we're in today we need more of that."

Pink taken to hospital after stage fall

BERLIN (AP) — A spokesman for Pink's concerts in Germany says the singer fell off the stage after a stunt went wrong and she underwent a checkup at a hospital.

Peter Riegert Concerts' Stefan Guentner said Friday the singer wasn't seriously injured in the incident on Thursday evening in Nuremberg.

While singing "So What," Pink fell out of a harness which was supposed to carry her toward the crowd. A YouTube video shows

the 30-year-old climbing back onto the stage after the incident, but the concert was halted and she was taken to a hospital.

Another agency, Allgaeu Concerts, said on its website that Friday's concert in Salem, southwestern Germany, will take place as scheduled. It said: "Pink is in Salem, she's fine and is looking forward to the show."



AP

In this Friday, June 11, 2010 file photo singer Pink performs on stage during the opening night of the UK Funhouse Summer Carnival stadium tour at the Stadium of Light, Sunderland, England.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Bone marrow drive held in NYC for 'Lion King' star

NEW YORK (AP)—A bone marrow drive for an 11-year-old "Lion King" star with leukemia has turned out to be one of the hottest matinees on Broadway. Some 385 people registered as bone marrow donors Sunday in hopes of helping Shannon Tavaréz (tuh-VAR'-ehz) beat leukemia. Shannon played the role of Young Nala the lion cub in "The Lion King" for seven months before she was diagnosed with the life-threatening blood cancer in April. Her best shot at recovering and returning to the theater is a bone marrow transplant, which requires a genetic match. The bone marrow registry DKMS held a bone marrow drive Sunday at St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church in the theater district. Shannon won the role of Young Nala in an open audition - her first ever.

Mia Farrow meets children of war in Uganda

KOTIDO, Uganda (AP)—Actress Mia Farrow met with young victims of war and sexual abuse during a three-day trip through Uganda. Farrow, a U.N. Goodwill Ambassador, spoke with 15-year-old Lilian

Andia, who was abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army and gave birth to two children in captivity. Andia was later rescued by Congo's army. Farrow said that as a mother she understood Andia's struggles to protect her children while held by the LRA. Farrow spoke to Andia at a school partly funded by UNICEF where formerly child captives now study. Northern Uganda has experienced decades of war and unrest. The area still suffers from high levels of poverty and malnutrition. On Saturday Farrow will attend the African Youth Forum, which will focus on maternal and child health and development.

Aerosmith's Perry injured in motorcycle accident

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP)—Authorities say Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry was rear-ended by a car when he was riding a motorcycle, and he has been treated for minor injuries at a Massachusetts hospital. Middleborough police say Perry was on his 2009 Ducati Monster 696 early Thursday afternoon when he was struck from behind by a car driven by 62-year-old Linda O'Brien. Both vehicles were traveling at

a low speed. The 59-year-old Perry, who lives in nearby Duxbury, was taken to a hospital and released a couple of hours later. A hospital spokeswoman did not release the nature of his injuries. O'Brien, who was not injured, was cited for following too closely. The accident is not expected to affect any of Aerosmith's scheduled concert dates.

Carlos Santana back at Woodstock site for concert

BETHEL, New York (AP)—He was at Woodstock, man. And on Saturday, he will be again. Carlos Santana returns to the site of the fabled 1969 festival this weekend for a concert at a new arts pavilion just yards from the original stage where his band performed "Soul Sacrifice" during the "three days of peace and music" that helped define the end of the 1960s. According to promoters, it's the 62-year-old Grammy winner's first time playing there since that unforgettable performance. "Santana is one of the artists who embody the spirit of the festival," said Shannon McSweeney, a spokeswoman for the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. "Him coming back is something special, I think, not

only for us but for him." Steve Winwood will also play at the show Saturday. The 2,000-acre (800-hectare) facility, in upstate New York's Sullivan County, is a performing arts center and museum with a 15,000-seat concert space. The Center includes the patch of land, once part of Max Yasgur's farm, that hosted the original Woodstock festival in August 1969.

Federal panel upholds Wesley Snipes tax sentence

ATLANTA (AP)—A federal appeals panel has upheld a three-year prison sentence on federal tax charges for film star Wesley Snipes. The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta concluded Friday that the judge properly sentenced Snipes to three years in federal prison. Attorneys for the action movie star argued that the sentence was "unreasonable" and that he should have been granted a hearing to decide whether his trial should have been held in New York instead of Florida. A jury convicted Snipes in 2008 of three misdemeanor counts of willful failure to file his income tax returns. Snipes' attorney did not immediately comment on the case.

Some employees work hard while others hardly work

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I understand the frustration of "Takes My Job Seriously" (June 1), the supervisor who complained about her female employees requesting time off for kids' school and sports events or beauty appointments. Over the last few years I have noticed a decline in work ethic across the board.

Phone calls go unreturned, workers stand around idle and errors are made on important forms. People seem to do the minimum necessary to make it to the end of the day, and supervisors aren't much different—they allow this behavior. Years ago, people worked hard for their money. Now they hardly work.

GETTING THE JOB DONE

DEAR GETTING: Your letter was one of many I received filled with interesting—and varied—comments on this topic. Read on:

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DEAR ABBY: I am the owner of a recruiting company, and I agree with the writer's views on the quality of today's work force. I hear from many frustrated clients seeking employees who actually want to work for their paycheck. We have turned into an entitlement society. No one wants to take responsibility for his/her work or life any longer. And they expect big-time money for no responsibility.

VALERIE IN GEORGIA

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DEAR ABBY: "TMJS" fails to take into consideration the evolution of the work force. Not only are there more women working now, but we usually work far beyond the regular 9-to-5 grind. As a single mom, I need flexibility in my schedule to get everything done that's demanded of me at work and at home. I take my laptop home every night and work after my son goes to sleep.

"TMJS" may feel superior because I'm not in the office as much as she is, but I'll bet I work more hours per week. Technology now allows us the flexibility of choice.

BONNIE C.

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DEAR ABBY: I supervise several younger women. Studies have shown that while these employees want to do a good job, they find it equally important to have "work/life" balance. I actually think they are smarter than we are. We tend to overwork and feel guilty if we take a day for ourselves. If they take the time they have earned and use it for what they enjoy—good for them.

WORKAHOLIC IN FORT COLLINS

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DEAR ABBY: "TMJS" should update her management training. While we mourn the loss of the way things were, there have been positive changes as well. Understanding diversity in the workplace is imperative for a successful manager. My 20-year-old would be shocked at the concept of staying in one job for 45 years—but that was the norm in my dad's day. In this global economy, "different" does not equal "bad."

PATTY IN LANCASTER, PA.

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DEAR ABBY: "TMJS" must have entered the work force when companies still took care of loyal, longtime employees by providing good benefits and job security. It paid to go the extra mile for your employer because you knew your company would return the favor when needed.

In recent years this has changed. Workers today realize that sacrificing their personal life for their professional one does not necessarily reap any benefits. The so-called breakdown of the family unit may be the result of workers dedicating themselves more to their jobs than to their home lives.

FAMILY FIRST IN TEXAS

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DEAR ABBY: I supervise young, highly paid federal employees and expect them to work hard for the money taxpayers pay them. They seem to think their personal problems should be mine. I disagree. A job is a privilege too many people fail to appreciate until it's gone.

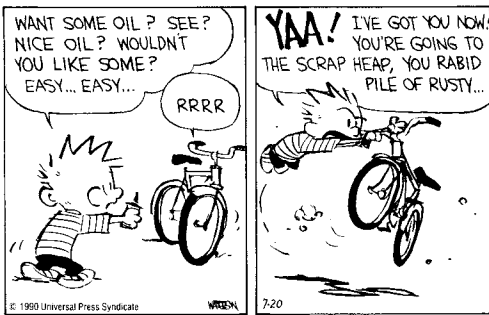
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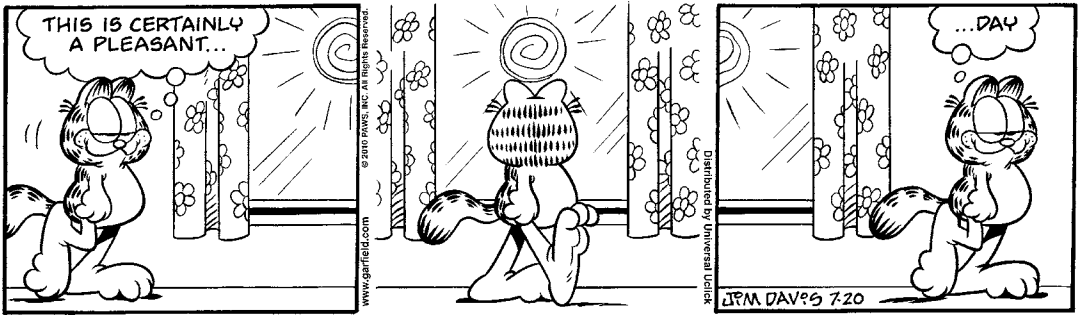
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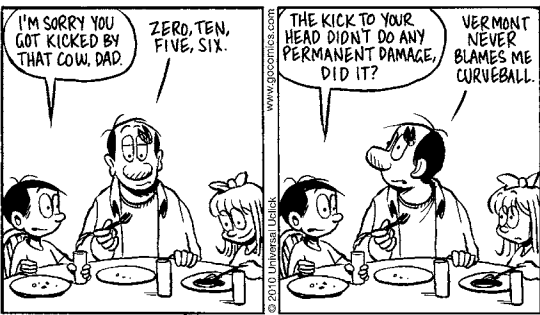
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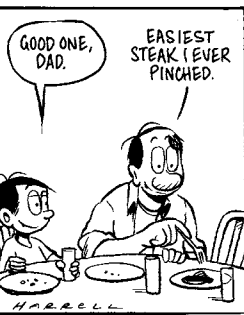
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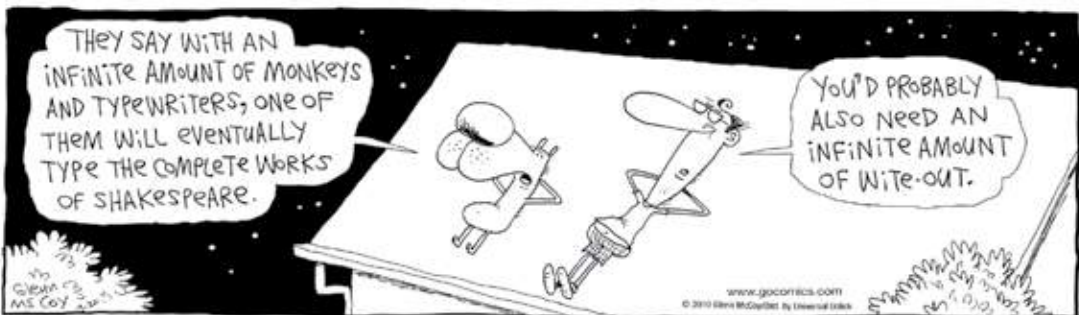
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In Re The Matter)
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Guardianship For:) NO. 10-331

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PETITION FOR
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OF
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Minor Child)
Petitioners)

By:)
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Wade not bothered by Heat haters



Dwyane Wade, left, and Alonzo Mourning acknowledge the crowd during the Summer Groove All-Star Basketball game Sunday, July 18, 2010 at American Airlines Arena, in Miami.



MIAMI (AP)—Dwyane Wade is keeping track. He's heard analysts say this Miami Heat lineup will be a flop. He's heard other players lash out over the way LeBron James made his decision.

He's heard executives from other teams list Boston and Orlando as the teams to beat in the Eastern Conference.

All duly noted in Wade's mind.

He's not bothered nor angered, he says. But at the Summer Groove charity game Wade co-hosted Sunday with Alonzo Mourning, he acknowledged that when the Heat convene for training camp in late September, the naysayers will serve as motivation for himself, for James, for Chris Bosh and everyone else inside the reloaded Miami locker room.

"My whole career is built on fuel," Wade said. "It's always been there. It's not going to change what I do with my life. It's not going to change the way I am as a person. But it fuels you. And we all need that. Every athlete, every competitor needs something to fuel them. It's going to happen throughout the year."

After an offseason with little time to relax, Wade got back to doing what he prefers Sunday—playing basketball. With a dozen NBA pals, Wade entertained a crowd of about 15,000 fans in a glorified exhibition of dunking, 3-pointers and a half-time concert by Flo Rida. Common, the Grammy-winning rapper, was on one bench and boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. coached Wade's team.

Mayweather wouldn't talk about the status of talks with Manny Pacquiao for the fight that the boxing world most wants to see. But ask him about the prospects of Wade,

James and Bosh playing together, and Mayweather spoke volumes.

"Hopefully, LeBron James has the same chemistry with the Heat that he had with the Cavaliers," Mayweather said. "Maybe a little bit better."

James wasn't there for the festivities Sunday, nor was Bosh. But there has clearly been a giant spike in Heat buzz since they all announced they would play together. Outside the arena for the charity, parking lots that typically charge \$10 a spot for NBA games wanted \$20. Fans begged for autographs, and Wade said there was more excitement than after the 2006 title.

"It's going to be crazy," former Heat forward Dorell Wright said.

He would know.

Wright was one of the players who left Miami this summer to make room for all the upgrades to the roster. He's a close friend of Wade, who is a godfather to Wright's son. But when Golden State made Wright an offer, he decided that it was time for a new beginning.

"I'm just glad I'm getting out of the way," Wright said.

The new nameplates are already up in the Miami locker room. "James 6" and "Bosh 1" have already been installed just down from Wade's cubicle. The proximity of the stars, within about 12 feet of each other, isn't sitting well with Wade, who joked the new arrangement won't work.

It's his lone complaint of the summer.

The Heat kept Udonis Haslem, Joel Anthony and Jamaal Magloire, traded Michael Beasley and added Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Mike Miller. Deals with Magloire and Juwan Howard will be announced later this week. Carlos Arroyo is on the

cup of returning, and James Jones said Sunday that he'll be coming back as well—even though it'll be at a lower salary.

"I have to come back. This is not something I could pass up," Jones told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. "This is too much of an opportunity to bypass."

In a few days, Miami has gone from a young team to a veteran one with title aspirations.

"When it comes to the top players and the excitement of players, you can't put a price tag on experience and we're bringing that in with guys like Juwan and Big Z and Mike Miller and of course UD coming back," Wade said. "We went last year and the last two years of having a pretty young team of guys. Now we're a veteran-type team."

And that team will have a bulls-eye, Wade said. He expects that when the NBA schedule comes out in a few weeks, teams around the league will check first to see when they're playing the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, then when they'll face the Heat.

"We're not even the champions but we're going to get that kind of attention from teams," Wade said. "It's a respect factor."

That "respect factor," as he put it, is what matters more than any doubters.

Wade knows what Miami will have in the locker room, and to him, that's more important than what any outside entity might say about the Heat summer of 2010.

"I'm not really concerned about what people say any more," Wade said. "I've made my comments. Inside here, we know how competitive we're going to be. At the end of the day, we've got to play the game of basketball. We'll all see then. There's not much to say."

Tour leaders wait in Pyrenees; Riblon wins stage



AX-3 DOMAINES, France (AP)—

With the Pyrenees all too ready to punish riders, overall leader Andy Schleck and defending champion Alberto Contador sized each other up, matching wits and pedal strokes in a high-altitude waiting game at the Tour de France.

Sunday's victory belonged to Christophe Riblon, a relatively unknown Frenchman who won a stage in cycling's showcase race for the first time.

Riblon, who rides for AG2R, was spurred by a French crowd that has little to celebrate at the Tour in recent years.

"Yesterday night if you'd asked me about today, I wouldn't have bet one euro on me," he said. "It's different now, of course. What I have done today is very important, for me and my team."

Schleck leads Contador, his closest rival, by 31 seconds. Both arrived with the same time, more than a minute behind Riblon. They lost a few seconds to the next closest contenders,

Samuel Sanchez of Spain and Denis Menchov of Russia, but were not unhappy.

"I couldn't pass him; I had to stay in his wheel," said Schleck of Luxembourg. "I have often enough made the mistake where he attacked and dropped me because I passed him. I learn from my mistakes. But it will be a totally different scenario tomorrow."

Contador said sticking together benefited both riders. They could both make sure other contenders didn't get too far ahead. Sanchez is 2:31 back in third, with Menchov fourth at 2:44.

"It was a complicated day to get away from the other, so we agreed to catch the group," Contador said.

Schleck and the Spaniard have three more days in the mountains to try to get a jump on the other. That's particularly important for Schleck, who knows his slender lead is unlikely to be enough in the time trial Saturday.

The 29-year-old Riblon, who combines road cycling with a career on the track, was content

to luxuriate in Sunday's result—the best of his career.

"I've been a professional for 5 1/2 years and I've been waiting for this for 5 1/2 years," he said.

Lance Armstrong finished more than 15 minutes behind Riblon. The seven-time champion has acknowledged he has no chance of victory, but he hints at a possible glorious burst between now and Sunday's finish in Paris. Speaking after Sunday's stage, he said he would like a stage victory, but only if he earns it.

"Back in our heyday, we didn't give anything away, so I don't want anybody to say: 'Hey let's let the old man have one. That's not what this event is about,'" he said. "I got 25 of 'em—I don't need anybody handing me one just 'cause they feel sorry for me."

Riblon broke away in a small group in the first 18 miles and held on as the rest of the group slowly lost ground and slipped back into the pack. By the time he reached the top of the major climb of the day, the Port de Pailheres, he was alone.

He held the lead down the long descent and then up the demanding climb to the finish at the ski resort of Ax-3 Domaines. He finished the 115-mile 14th stage from Revel in 4 hours, 52 minutes, 42 seconds. He was 54 seconds ahead of Menchov and Sanchez.

This was the fourth French win of the Tour de France this year—after two by Sylvain Chavanel and one from Sandy Casar—and it delighted the crowd.

"The most incredible thing was the public at the side of the road who told me it was good, I was going to win," Riblon said. "But I refused to believe I had won before the last kilometer."

He acknowledged that it was unusual for a track cyclist to find success as a climber.

"I don't yet consider myself a very brave or exceptional climber," he said. "But I am a good one."

Monday's 15th stage is the second in the Pyrenees. The 117-mile course from Pamiers to Bagnères-de-Luchon features the major climb of Port de Bales before descending to the finish.

Armstrong: LeMond claim about payoff is 'nonsense'

AX-3 DOMAINES, France (AP)—Lance Armstrong dismissed as "nonsense" a reported claim by Greg LeMond that the seven-time Tour de France champion tried to pay someone \$300,000 to say LeMond used a banned drug.

LeMond, a three-time Tour de France champion, told the German newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung's weekend issue that Armstrong tried to implicate him "by all means" in a scandal involving EPO, a performance enhancer.

LeMond refused to reveal the identity of the person who was allegedly offered money by Armstrong, saying he still works in cycling.

Armstrong dismissed the accusation after Sunday's 14th stage of the Tour.

"That's absolutely nonsense—\$300,000?" Armstrong said, when asked by The Associated Press about the allegations. "Come on. I

know (about the report). But he says a lot."

"That's just another thing," he said, alluding to years of antagonism between the two American Tour champions.

According to a report Friday in the Daily News of New York, LeMond has been served with a grand jury subpoena as part of a federal investigation of possible fraud and doping charges against Armstrong and his associates.

The federal investigation was spurred by accusations by Floyd Landis, a former teammate of Armstrong's on the US Postal team, in a series of emails sent to cycling and doping officials this spring.

Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour title for doping, said the use of banned substances was common on the team. Armstrong has denied those allegations and has questioned Landis' credibility.

Gomez wins MLB debut as Indians top Tigers



CLEVELAND (AP) —

Jhonny Peralta's flyball sent Detroit's Ryan Raburn crashing through a bullpen door for an inside-the-park homer, and Jeanmar Gomez won his major league debut as the Cleveland Indians beat the Tigers 7-2 victory Sunday to complete a four-game sweep.

Gomez (1-0), called up from minor league side Columbus to make a spot start, allowed two unearned runs over seven innings.

With runners on first and second and two outs, Peralta hit a 1-1 pitch from Andy Oliver (0-4) toward the Cleveland bullpen. Centerfielder Raburn tried for a leaping catch, but tumbled through the bullpen door. The ball caromed off the wall and by the time left fielder Brennan Boesch could retrieve it, Peralta, one of the slowest players on Cleveland's roster, was chugging around the bases.

Yankees 9, Rays 5

At New York, Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees knocked around All-Star pitcher David Price, overcoming an early injury to Andy Pettitte with brilliant work by the bullpen to beat Tampa Bay.

Robinson Cano hit a two-run triple, Jorge Posada a two-run double and Rodriguez added his 598th home run for the Yankees, who took two of three in a series between the top two teams in baseball to move three games ahead of Tampa Bay in the AL East.

Five relievers picked up for Pettitte, who came out in the third inning because of a strained left groin. The 38-year-old All-Star was taken to New York-Presbyterian Hospital for an MRI, the team said.

Park Chan-ho (2-1) pitched 1 1-3 hitless innings for the win.

Rangers 4, Red Sox 2

At Boston, C.J. Wilson struck out a career-high 10 batters and Texas capitalized on Boston's throwing problems to beat the Red Sox.

The Rangers scored in the fourth when third baseman Adrian Beltre couldn't handle catcher

Dusty Brown's throw as Nelson Cruz headed for the base. They got another run in the fifth when Julio Borbon stole home after Brown threw to second where Andrus was trying to steal.

Wilson (8-5) worked 6 2-3 innings, allowing one run on three hits but walking five.

Jon Lester (11-4) pitched eight innings in the loss.

Blue Jays 10, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Yunel Escobar hit his first career grand slam during a six-run second inning as Toronto completed a three-game sweep Baltimore.

Playing his third game with the Blue Jays since being traded by the Atlanta Braves, Escobar tied a career high with five RBIs and got three hits to increase his batting average with Toronto to .462. He hit .238 with no homers in 75 games with Atlanta.

Escobar's shot off rookie Brian Matusz (3-10) stretched Toronto's major league-leading home run total to 140.

Athletics 9, Royals 6

At Kansas City, Missouri, Adam Rosales, Kevin Kouzmanoff and Jack Cust each went deep, and Vin Mazzaro pitched into the eighth inning to help the Oakland finish a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

The A's have won five straight and 12 of 18 to even their record at 46-46, the first time they have been at .500 since June 15. The Royals have lost six straight, one shy of their longest losing streak this season.

Mazzaro (5-2) limited the Royals to seven hits—all singles—in a career-high 7 2-3 innings.

Mariners 2, Angels 1, 10 innings

At Anaheim, California, Jose Lopez hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the 10th inning, helping the Seattle snap an eight-game losing streak to Angels.

Ichiro Suzuki drew a leadoff walk from Kevin Jepsen (2-2) and advanced on Chone Figgins' sacrifice bunt. He then was caught in a rundown on a Franklin Gutierrez's grounder to shortstop. Gutierrez stole second and scored when Lopez lined a 2-1 pitch to left field.



AP Making his major league debut, Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Jeanmar Gomez throws against the Detroit Tigers in the first inning of a baseball game in Cleveland on Sunday, July 18, 2010.

Twins, 7, White Sox 6

At Minneapolis, Delmon Young hit a tying single and Michael Cuddyer raced home with the winning run on center fielder Alex Rios' throwing error, capping Minnesota's four-run ninth inning.

The Twins won three of four games in the series to move 1 1/2 games of the first-place White Sox.

With Chicago closer Bobby Jenks (1-2) on the mound, Orlando Hudson walked in a 10-pitch at-bat and Joe Mauer walked on four straight pitches. Jason Kubel had an RBI single to left-center to make it 6-4. Michael Cuddyer singled in a run and end Jenks' day.

Sergio Santos walked Jason Repko to load the bases before Young hit a single to right-center. Alex Rios' throw to the infield rolled to the White Sox dugout allowing Cuddyer to score.

Rockies 1, Reds 0

At Cincinnati, Chris Iannetta homered off left-hander Travis

Wood, who was coming off a nearly perfect performance, and Aaron Cook got a breakthrough win on the road in the Colorado Rockies' victory.

Two of the National League's top offenses had trouble on a hot, breezy afternoon.

Iannetta connected in the sixth, one of only three hits off Wood (0-1), the rookie who allowed only one hit over nine innings his last time out but got no decision.

Colorado salvaged the final game of the series behind Cook (4-5), who had been one of only four full-time NL starters without a road win this season. He'd been 0-5 away from Coors Field.

Cubs 11, Phillies 6

At Chicago, Roy Halladay hit Marlon Byrd twice and gave up two-run homers to Geovany Soto and Alfonso Soriano after each errant throw, sending Chicago over Philadelphia.

Byrd became the first Cubs player in 105 years to be hit by a pitch 16 times in a season and Chicago took advantage of

a rare wild night for Halladay, winning three of four in its first series since the All-Star break.

Tom Gorzelanny (5-5) allowed three runs, two earned, and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. The left-hander walked five and struck out five while improving to 3-0 with a 3.06 ERA in his past three starts.

Padres 6, Diamondbacks 4

At San Diego, Chris Denorfia homered twice and had four hits, and Everth Cabrera tripled in the go-ahead run moments before being ejected for a tussle with Mark Reynolds, as San Diego beat Arizona.

Both of Denorfia's home runs were solo shots, and his four hits matched a career high.

The win allowed the first-place Padres (54-37) to sweep Arizona and go 17 games over .500 for the first time this season. The Padres have won four straight and eight of 12.

Cabrera, who struck out his first two at-bats, tripled into the right-field corner off Edwin Jackson (6-8) in the sixth inning to score Denorfia and put San Diego ahead 4-3.

Pirates 9, Astros 0

At Pittsburgh, Paul Maholm pitched a three-hitter for his second career shutout as Pittsburgh established a season high for hits for the second consecutive game.

Maholm (6-7) faced only two batters above the minimum in needing 103 pitches to throw his first shutout since April 24, 2007, against Houston.

Garrett Jones hit a two-run shot, the Pirates' first multiple-run homer in five weeks, and Ronny Cedeno went 4 for 4 with three doubles. The Pirates had 19 hits a day after amassing 17.

Mets 4, Giants 3, 10 innings

At San Francisco, Ike Davis doubled home the go-ahead run in 10th inning after the Mets wasted a two-run lead in the ninth, as New York avoided a four-game sweep to San Francisco.

Travis Ishikawa's two-run, pinch-hit single tied the game in the ninth inning, but he was thrown out at the plate on an

infield chopper as the potential winning run. Replays showed Ishikawa appeared to be safe as he slid into home.

Giants closer Brian Wilson (2-1) got two outs in the 10th before giving up Jason Bay's third single. Davis, who also drove in a run in the eighth, doubled high off the right field wall.

Cardinals 5, Dodgers 4

At St. Louis, Matt Holliday drove in the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning as St. Louis rallied from a four-run deficit to finish a four-game sweep of Los Angeles.

Allen Craig filled in for Albert Pujols, who got the day off for just the second time this season, and drove in three runs in the final two innings on his 26th birthday.

Jonathan Broxton (3-1) served up the pitch in the ninth inning that Holliday hit over Andre Ethier's head in right field, bringing home Jon Jay with the winning run.

Braves 11, Brewers 6

At Atlanta, Brian McCann hit a grand slam and matched his career high with five RBIs to help Atlanta beat Milwaukee end a rare two-game home losing streak.

Matt Diaz drove in three runs with three hits, including a homer, and Derek Lowe (10-8) went 5 1-3 innings as the Braves took a split in the four-game series.

Rickie Weeks had two homers and Fielder hit his second in as many days for Milwaukee, while Manny Parra (3-7) gave up 10 hits and 10 runs in only 5 1-3 innings.

Marlins 1, Nationals 0

At Miami, Alex Sanabia pitched into the sixth inning to earn his first major league win as four relievers helped Florida shut out Washington for the second game in a row.

The Nationals went 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position for the second consecutive game.

Sanabia (1-1), making his second career start, allowed four hits in 5 1-3 innings and lowered his ERA to 2.12 in five games this season. Leo Nunez earned his 22nd save.

McCoy hopes to reach Bucs camp on time



OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—It's not just because they're longtime buddies that Gerald McCoy is watching with interest as No. 1 overall draft pick Sam Bradford negotiates his first contract with the St. Louis Rams.

McCoy's desire to get to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' training camp on time in two weeks also hinges heavily on how long it takes his former college teammate to sign.

McCoy was selected two picks after Bradford in the draft and he doesn't think his contract talks with the Bucs will heat up

until Bradford's deal is done. He said Saturday night that he's "waiting on King Sam."

"I would love to be there on time. But it's also one of those situations where while an opportunity presents itself for you to get paid, you need to get as much as you can," McCoy said before throwing out the first pitch at an Triple-A Oklahoma City RedHawks minor league baseball game.

"It's nothing like, 'I'm worth this much.' You get as much money as you can while it's there because you never know what could happen."

The looming perils include not only the possibility of inju-

ry but also a chance for a work stoppage next year if the league and its players can't come to terms on a collective bargaining agreement.

"Given the fact that we're about to enter a lockout, you've got to get as much money as you can," McCoy said.

McCoy said that Bradford has "got to go first" in the negotiating process and he expects the 2008 Heisman Trophy winner to get between \$75 million and \$80 million. The former Sooners teammates, who both grew up in Oklahoma City, are both represented by Creative Artists Agency.

"Once Sam signs, then

you've got to start negotiating yours based off of what Sam did and then also slotting off of last year's third pick. There's a lot that goes into it," McCoy said.

"Then everything's a lot slower this year because of the (possibility of a) lockout. There's just a lot that goes into it this year. This is an awkward year to be a rookie."

The Buccaneers open training camp on July 31. McCoy participated in the team's OTAs and minicamp and said that time helped him start adjusting to the NFL, where "you've got to know so many different things and you've got to know all those different things and

then be ready for the speed of the game while there's a 330-pound man across from you."

McCoy said otherwise, he's been keeping in shape in Oklahoma City and with occasional visits to Oklahoma's campus in Norman.

"College game preparation is a little different than the NFL. The season's longer," he said. "You can't do so much wear and tear, so you've kind of got to be careful."

At this point, McCoy said he's ready to be playing again—even if he's not looking forward to practice.

"I just really want to play some football. The money is a blessing," McCoy said. "Who don't want a lot of money? I'm not going to lie and act

like I don't want it because I do, but I just want to be to camp on time."

Before taking the field, McCoy told reporters that he knew both Buccaneers starting quarterback Josh Freeman and Tommie Harris—a fellow former Oklahoma defensive tackle who became a Pro Bowler with the Chicago Bears—had one-hopped their throws on ceremonial first pitches.

"It'll get there. I don't know how fast it's going to get there, but it will get there eventually," he said.

After egging on the crowd to clap rhythmically, he took his spot on the grass in front of the pitcher's mound and delivered a high pitch into the catcher's glove.

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75 and a tie for third with Rory McIlroy (68) and Henrik Stenson (71). “He didn’t miss a shot today. I don’t know if he missed one all week. That was four days of tremendous golf. He didn’t flinch today.”

No, there was only that gap-tooth smile that earned him the nickname “Shrek” from his friends. And there was amazement across his face when he cradled the oldest trophy in golf, a silver claret jug with his name etched alongside Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, and the other South African winners—Gary Player, Bobby Locke and Ernie Els, his mentor.

Without the Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation in South Africa, the son of a farmer could not have afforded the travel required to reach the game’s highest level.

“It was great to have a South African winning it on Mandela Day,” said Dennis Bruyns, the chief executive of the Southern Africa PGA. “And there was a great sense of satisfaction in having a South African caddie with him, too.”

It was the fifth major for the Springboks dating to Retief Goosen winning the U.S. Open in 2001, and the first at the British Open since Els won at Muirfield in 2002, a victory that inspired Oosthuizen.

“Shrek is on the move,” Goosen said. “I knew he had a lot of talent. He grew up in an area (Mossel Bay) that’s very windy, so for him, these conditions are normal. The guy’s got one of the best swings on tour. I think he’ll be around for many years to come.”

Some 45 miles away, Player was returning from a golf outing and listening to every shot on the radio, proud as can be. He saw the potential during a practice round they played at the Masters this year.

Player called Oosthuizen on Sunday morning and gave him a pep talk.

“I told him he’s got to realize that lots of people are hitting bad shots,” Player said, not knowing how few of those the kid would hit. “And I told him the crowd was naturally going to show a bias. But I reminded him when I played Arnold Palmer in 1961 at the Masters, only my wife and my dog was pulling for me. I told him he’s got to get in there and be more determined to win.”

Oosthuizen was relaxed as he could be, putting his arm around Rasego after hitting off the 18th tee and walking over the Swilcan Bridge, thousands of fans packed into the grandstands, along the road and peering out the shop windows.

“It’s a proud moment for us, especially with the Old Man, winning on his birthday,” Rosega said. “Winning at St. Andrews, it’s unbelievable. He deserves what he’s just done.”

The 150th anniversary of golf’s oldest championship was memorable in so many ways.

It began with Rory McIlroy tying the major championship record with a 63 in some of the calmest conditions at the course. It ended with someone other than Woods hoisting the claret jug in front of the R&A clubhouse.

Woods tapped in on the final hole and removed his cap to salute the gallery, just as he did the last two Opens at St. Andrews. Only this time, the tournament was still two hours from finishing. Woods made two double bogeys on his way to a 72 and tied for 23rd.

It was his seventh tournament of the year without a victory, matching the longest drought of his career.

“I’m not going to win all of them,” Woods said after his worst 72-hole finish in a major in six years. “I’ve lost a lot more than I’ve won.”

No way he was going to win this one. Neither was anyone else.

Oosthuizen might have been nervous, but it didn’t show. Charl Schwartzel, his best friend from their junior golf days in South Africa, ran into him on Saturday and said Oosthuizen was showing him comedy videos on his phone.

“This was about an hour before he teed off,” Schwartzel said.

If anyone showed nerves, it was Casey. With the warm applause from a British gallery that had not seen one of its own holding a claret jug in 11 years, he hit wedge to 4 feet below the hole at No. 1 to send a message. The birdie putt caught the right lip, however, and it took until the sixth hole before Casey could make a birdie.

He wasn’t alone. Of the final 10 players to tee off, only Goosen made a birdie on any of the opening five holes.

Oosthuizen plodded along with pars.

“He’s doing all the things he needs to do,” said Woods, who has more experience than anyone playing from ahead in a major. “He’s being consistent, putting all the pressure on Paul to come get him. He doesn’t need to go out there and shoot a low round today.”

Oosthuizen went 24 consecutive holes without a bogey until his streak ended on the par-3 eighth hole by missing a 6-foot par putt. That trimmed his lead to three, and Casey hit driver onto the par-4 ninth green.

Whatever momentum he had didn’t last long. Oosthuizen also drove the ninth green and holed his 50-foot eagle putt to restore the lead to four shots, same as when he started. And this Open effectively ended three holes later.

Casey drove into the gorse bushes left of the 12th, took a drop back toward the seventh fairway, came up short of the green and wound up making a triple bogey, dropping him eight shots behind.

Oosthuizen spent the final hour with a big grin on his face, although he started out that way, too.

The biggest smile came on the 18th green, with a hug for Rasego, and an embrace with wife Nel-Mare and 7-month-old daughter Jana. It will be years before the child can appreciate the magnitude of this moment.

“I will say, ‘That’s the day Daddy makes us the proudest,’” his wife said. “And we’ll never forget it.”

Mikayla Lopez finished third.

Arriola and Tan are joining Race, Cruz, Montgomery, and Loyola on the CNMI Team, which aims to defend its overall title in the lawn tennis competition in the Micro Games. Completing the team are defending gold medalist Kana Aikawa and junior player Jodel Fernandez.

Race and company were not the only ones using the Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010 to warm up for an off-island event, but also the Commonwealth’s junior netters.

The CNMI’s youth players participated in the boys and girls’ open divisions of the rain-delayed tournament with Angelo Jones winning against Daniel Park in the finals, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, and Emily Jones downing Tiffany

Madlambayan, 6-0, 6-0.

In the consolation game, Jake Lee topped Carl Dela Cruz, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, while Jee Hyun Lee defeated Ja Briosos, 6-1, 6-1.

Lee and Dela Cruz are among the nine CNMI junior netters who will represent the North Pacific Team in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji this week.

Meanwhile, Loyola Sports Promotion, which organized the tournament, would like to thank event sponsors TSL Foundation and Marianas Medical Center for their support. Loyola also acknowledged the assistance of Dive Paradise in Saipan, Angel Kindergarten, Topnotch, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and Nancy Kelchner and the staff of the American Memorial Park.

hanging in there and not giving up.

“Joshua did an awesome job. He was sprinting and pushing himself hard. We were happy to make it to the finish line even though we got sunburn,” Carey said.

The Tinian triathlete completed the race in 12:08:42 to occupy the No. 326 spot. Manglona clocked in at 1:04:22 in the swim leg, 6:51:23 in the bike part, and 4:52:97 in the run race. Yugi Fijiwara of Toichi was the top overall finisher in the race, submitting 8:23:16.

Manglona and Carey thanked their CNMI fellow triathletes who monitored their performance in Kaike. The two Kaike participants also acknowledge Taga, Inc., Pacific Islands Club, Pacific Development, Inc., Marianas Visitors Authority, and Asiana Airlines, for making their Japan trip possible.


I usually take gel, but last Sunday, I couldn’t and I just had to settle for water and sports drinks,” she added.

The bike part had riders touring the high mountain national parks in Yonago Prefecture and its municipalities, while the run leg took place at the Yonago Prefecture Higashiyama Stadium

The swim leg, which was off the coast of Kaike Sea, was not easy either, according to Carey.

“The swim race is hard every year. It was my first time to stop to a hanging buoy twice because people pushed me down and I thought I might drown. Joshua and me saw a lot of jellyfish,” Carey said.

It was Carey’s third time to complete the Kaike race, while Joshua debuted in the annual event and the former took her hat off to the latter for



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	58	33	.637	—
Tampa Bay	55	36	.604	3
Boston	52	40	.565	6 1/2
Toronto	47	45	.511	11 1/2
Baltimore	29	62	.319	29

Central Division

Chicago	50	41	.549	—
Detroit	48	42	.533	1 1/2
Minnesota	49	43	.533	1 1/2
Kansas City	39	52	.429	11
Cleveland	38	54	.413	12 1/2

West Division

Texas	53	39	.576	—
Los Angeles	50	45	.526	4 1/2
Oakland	46	46	.500	7
Seattle	36	56	.391	17

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	54	38	.587	—
New York	49	43	.533	5
Philadelphia	48	43	.527	5 1/2
Florida	44	47	.484	9 1/2
Washington	40	52	.435	14

Central Division

St. Louis	51	41	.554	—
Cincinnati	51	42	.548	1/2
Chicago	42	51	.452	9 1/2
Milwaukee	42	51	.452	9 1/2
Houston	37	55	.402	14
Pittsburgh	32	59	.352	18 1/2

West Division

San Diego	54	37	.593	—
Colorado	50	41	.549	4
San Francisco	50	42	.543	4 1/2
Los Angeles	49	43	.533	5 1/2
Arizona	34	58	.370	20 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Colorado 1, Cincinnati 0

Florida 1, Washington 0

Pittsburgh 9, Houston 0

Atlanta 11, Milwaukee 6

St. Louis 5, L.A. Dodgers 4

San Diego 6, Arizona 4

N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 3, 10 innings

Chicago Cubs 11, Philadelphia 6

Cleveland 7, Detroit 2

N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 5

Texas 4, Boston 2

Toronto 10, Baltimore 1

Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 6

Oakland 9, Kansas City 6

Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1, 10 innings

BRITISH OPEN SCORES

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Scores Sunday from the \$7.3 million British Open played on the 7,305-yard, par-72 Old Course at St. Andrews (a denotes amateur):

FINAL ROUND

Louis Oosthuizen	65-67-69-71—272
Lee Westwood	67-71-71-70—279
Rory McIlroy	63-80-69-68—280
Henrik Stenson	68-74-67-71—280
Paul Casey	69-69-67-75—280
Retief Goosen	69-70-72-70—281
Robert Rock	68-78-67-69—282
Sean O'Hair	67-72-72-71—282
Nick Watney	67-73-71-71—282
Martin Kaymer	69-71-68-74—282
Alvaro Quiros	72-70-74-67-283
Jeff Overton	73-69-72-69—283
Luke Donald	73-72-69-69—283
Rickie Fowler	79-67-71-67—284
Tom Lehman	71-68-75-70—284
Charl Schwartzel	71-75-68-70—284
Ignacio Garrido	69-71-73-71—284
a-Jin Jeong	68-70-74-72—284
Robert Karlsson	69-71-72-74—284
Sergio Garcia	71-71-70-72—284
J.B. Holmes	70-72-70-72—284
Dustin Johnson	69-72-69-74—284
Trevor Immelman	68-74-75-68—285
Graeme McDowell	71-68-76-70—285
Stephen Gallacher	71-73-70-71—285
Tiger Woods	67-73-73-72—285
Edoardo Molinari	69-76-73-68—286
Matt Kuchar	72-74-71-69—286
Ryo Ishikawa	68-73-75-70—286
Bradley Dredge	66-76-74-70—286
Marcel Siem	67-75-74-70—286
Robert Allenby	69-75-71-71—286
Adam Scott	72-70-72-72—286
Kevin Na	70-74-70-72—286
Miguel Angel Jimenez	72-67-74-73—286
Alejandro Canizares	67-71-71-77—286
Vijay Singh	68-73-76-70—287
Colm Moriarty	72-73-72-70—287
Hunter Mahan	69-76-71-71—287
Soren Kjeldsen	72-74-70-71—287
Peter Hanson	66-73-74-74—287
Ross Fisher	68-77-68-74—287
Shane Lowry	68-73-71-75—287
Darren Clarke	70-70-77-71—288
Bo Van Pelt	69-72-73-74—288
Camilo Villegas	68-75-70-75—288
Ricky Barnes	68-71-72-77—288
John Senden	68-76-73-72—289
Simon Dyson	69-75-73-72—289
Kyung-tae Kim	70-74-73-72-289
John Daly	66-76-74-73—289
Stewart Cink	70-74-71-74—289
Phil Mickelson	73-71-70-75—289
Lucas Glover	67-76-70-76—289
Danny Chia	69-77-74-70—290
Simon Khan	74-69-73-74—290
Zane Scotland	70-74-72-74—290
Steve Stricker	71-74-71-74—290
Steve Marino	69-76-69-76—290
Ian Poulter	71-73-76-71—291
Jason Day	71-74-75-71—291
Peter Senior	73-71-74-73—291
Heath Slocum	71-74-73-73—291
Toru Taniguchi	70-70-77-74—291
Y.E. Yang	67-74-76-74—291
Tom Pernice Jr.	72-74-71-74—291
Marc Leishman	73-71-72-75—291
Colin Montgomerie	74-71-74-73—292
Hirofumi Miyase	71-75-73-73—292
Steven Tiley	66-79-73-74—292
Fredrik Andersson Hed	67-74-73-78—292
Andrew Coltart	66-77-74-76—293
Mark Calcavecchia	70-67-77-80—294
Richard S. Johnson	73-73-76-73—295
Thomas Aiken	71-73-77-74—295
Zach Johnson	72-74-74-76—296
Scott Verplank	72-73-74-77—296

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was ahead in the first set, 1-0, when Cruz retired due to an injury. Loyola was paired against Todd Montgomery in the other semis game, which was first scheduled for July 11, but was rained out. Loyola and Montgomery played last Friday with the former prevailing in three sets, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

Montgomery was relegated to the consolation bracket and saved third place after beating Cruz last Sunday, 6-3, 6-3.

In the women’s open title game, which was also originally set for last week but was rescheduled for last Sunday due to rain, Mayuko Arriola shut out Lydia Tan, 6-0, 6-0. Junior player

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Carey, adding that the temperature during the race read at 33 degree Celsius (91.4 degree Fahrenheit).

She said the humidity was between 80 and 90 percent. Carey added when they were in the bike race and went to climb the hills, the wind was strong.

“Even when we finished the uphill climbs, we felt as if we were still climbing. Many people decided to retire because of the condition,” Carey said.

The longtime Saipan resident even had doubts she would finish the race.

“During the bike race, I was worried I could not finish the race. My hands and fingers were numbed. Then at the run part, I could not even eat anything.

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parents, the members of the community, most especially the team members—who went all the way out to compete in an international competition and represented the CNMI well. I just hope that next year, more teams will be as successful as these guys. We are really proud. When we talk about a little bit of funding to help these guys, this is what you get. It’s very rewarding. So I’m really happy. Congratulations are in order here,” said Inos.

CNMI Little League District Administrator James Ada was also in attendance and congratulated the players and coaches and gave a brief history of the CNMI Little League’s appearance in the Little League World Series.

The Senior League All-Stars won the 2010 Asia-Pacific Little League Regional championship after rallying to beat archrival Guam, 8-4, Thursday morning in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Ada said five players on this year’s Asia-Pacific championship team—Diego Camacho, Richard Dela Cruz, MacGarrete Duenas, Harry Nakamura, and Joseph Palacios—also played on the 2006 CNMI Majors Division team that went to Majors World Series in

Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Additionally, eight of the players on the team made their first all-star appearance this year. Moreover, Ricardo Dela Cruz, not his brother Richard, was the pitcher who shut down the archrival Guam squad in the sixth and seventh innings of the championship match.

Ricardo Dela Cruz was the sole member of the 2009 Junior Division Asia-Pacific champion CNMI team from last year that was elevated to the Senior squad.

Guam scored three runs in the bottom of the third and were held scoreless in the fourth; Guam then scored another run in the fifth. Ricardo Dela Cruz came to the mound in relief for Harry Nakamura in the sixth inning and pitched two shutout innings.

The team advanced to the 2010 Senior League World Series in Bangor, Maine from Aug. 16 to the 22.

Parents are currently deciding on who will accompany the Senior League players to the mainland. They hope they can get as any people as possible to make the trip to provide support from the grandstands.

After the press conference, the Senior Leaguers celebrated with a barbeque at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion along Beach Road across the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

26th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament



Shamrock Warrior captain John Guerrero, third left, and angler Tony Scragg, fourth left, pose with their 248-lb marlin and their supporter at the weighing station in Smiling Cove Marina during the final day of the 26th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament last Sunday.



Da Atha Girl crew and supporters pose with their 17.55-lb wahoo.



The crew of *Luka and Ben* show the heaviest catch in Day 1 of the tournament—a 118.10-lb marlin.

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A tournament volunteer weighs the mahi *Flame of Love* caught during Day 1 of the derby last Saturday.



Errol Moises of *San Juan III* shows off his 44.2-lb yellow fin tuna.



Paul Roberto Jr. of *Botin Saba* and their 6-foot long, 144.85-lb marlin.



An *M-2* crew shows their 38-lb yellow fin tuna.



B.J. Sablan of *Sea Hunter* pose with his 14.9-lb mahi.



Two kids check on the marlin donated by some boats for the tournament banquet .



A pick-up truck carries the 248-lb marlin John Guerrero and his *Shamrock Warrior* crew caught in the reef between Esmeralda and Goat islands.



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Oosthuizen pulls away to dominating Open title

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AP GOLF WRITER

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP)—Louis Oosthuizen walked over the Swilcan Bridge toward a victory that was never in doubt Sunday at St. Andrews, another big moment in sports for South Africa.

This celebration, though, carried a different tune.

The drone of vuvuzelas, all the rage at the World Cup, was replaced by the skirl of bagpipes coming from behind the



Royal & Ancient clubhouse. For the 27-year-old South African, the sound could not have been sweeter.

With a performance that rivaled the dominance of Tiger Woods at the home of golf 10 years ago, Oosthuizen led over the final 48 holes and blew away the field by seven shots to capture the British Open.

"To win an Open championship is special," Oosthuizen said. "But to win it at St. Andrews... it's something you dream about."

The timing could not have been better—one week after South Africa concluded a wildly popular World Cup, and the day Nelson Mandela celebrated his 92nd birthday.



AP South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen hugs his trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Sunday, July 18, 2010.

"It felt a bit special, really," he said. "When I walked down 18, I was thinking about his birthday."

By then, the hard work was done. Oosthuizen (WUHST'-hy-zen) made only two bogeys

over the final 35 holes in a strong wind that swept across the Old Course. He closed with a 1-under 71 for a seven-shot victory over Lee Westwood, who was never in the game.

The only challenge came

from Paul Casey, who got within three shots after the eighth hole, then drove the green on the par-4 ninth. Oosthuizen answered by hitting driver onto the green and knocking in a 50-foot eagle putt to restore his cushion.

Three holes later, Casey hit into a gorse bush and made triple bogey, while Oosthuizen holed an 18-foot birdie putt.

Oosthuizen spent the final hour soaking up an atmosphere unlike any other in golf with his caddie, Zack Rasego. He finished at 16-under 272 and became the first player since Tony Lema in 1964 to win his first major at St. Andrews.

Just as Lema did when he won, Oosthuizen ordered bottles of champagne for the press.

Never mind that everyone struggled to pronounce his name. All that mattered was the spelling on the bottom of that claret jug. And yes, the engraver used the abbreviated version—Louis—not his given name of Lodewicus Theodorus Oosthuizen.

With the fifth victory of his career, Oosthuizen moved to No. 15 in the world. And as a sign of just how global golf has become, it's the second time this decade that the four major championship trophies reside on four continents.

"Nobody was going to stop him," said Casey, whose adventures in the gorse sent him to a

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CNMI's Joshua Manglona, left, and Mieko Carey are all smiles after completing the 30th Annual Annual Kaike Triathlon Championships in Japan last Sunday.

Mieko, Joshua survive Kaike

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Mieko Carey and Joshua Manglona proved that CNMI triathletes are no quitters when they completed the grueling 30th Annual Annual Kaike Triathlon Championships, while others failed to survive the lung-busting race last Sunday.

Carey finished the annual

race in Japan's Tottori Prefecture in nine hours, 56 minutes, and 38 seconds, notching third place in the women's division. She was the 43rd placer among the 850 finishers in the weekend race.

The 38-year-old Saipan triathlete timed in at 45:49 (19th best) in the 3-kilometer swim leg, 5:44:58 (52nd) in the 145-km bike race, and 3:26:31 (43rd) in the 42.19-km run part.

"It was a very hard race with many participants deciding to quit due to the weather," said

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Race wins Micro Games warm-up tourney

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The men's open division finals in the Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010 turned out to be a battle of the coaches with Jeff Race facing Peter Loyola in the championship match last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Race, the CNMI's coach and a certificate instructor of a local tennis academy, took the championship after a straight set win over Loyola, 6-4, 6-4. Loyola is a tennis instructor at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Both are members of the CNMI Tennis Team that will compete in the 7th Micronesia Games in Palau next month and used the weekend tournament to prepare for the quadrennial event.

Race advanced to the finals after a victory over Bobby Cruz in the semis on July 10. Race

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Jeff Race returns to Peter Loyola in their title match in a local tournament in January this year at the American Memorial Park tennis court and the two veterans had a rematch last Sunday with the former winning anew, 6-4, 6-4.

Victorious Senior All-Stars return

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The newly minted 2010 Asia-Pacific Senior League champions returned to Saipan early yesterday morning and were given a hero's welcome by their relatives, friends, and an appreciative community at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

Later in the afternoon, the CNMI Senior League All-Stars met with Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos at the Governor's Office in Capital Hill.

"This is the product of the efforts of everyone involved—the

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The CNMI Senior League All-Stars flash the No. 1 sign and show off the 2010 Asia-Pacific Regional championship banner following a courtesy call at the Governor's Office in Capital Hill. Also in photo are Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, right, and CNMI District Administrator James Ada, left.